

“Jesus: Just Judge”

John 7:53-8:11

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1. The Legalistic Approach to Justice—one-sided condemnation (7:53-8:6a)

“the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery ... ‘Moses commanded us to stone such a woman’ ” (8:3, 5)

2. The Heavenly Approach to Justice—the balance of grace and mercy (8:6b-8)

“He...said to them, ‘He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her’ ” (8:7)

3. The Benefits of Heavenly Justice—God is honored as Lord and Savior (8:9-11)

“when they heard it they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman in the midst. And straightening up, Jesus said to her,

‘Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?’

And she said, ‘No one, Lord.’

And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more’ ”