



Series: Questions Jesus Asked

Passage: John 8:1-11

Title: Where are Your Accusers?

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Discussion Starter – What did this week’s message teach you about guilt? What is appropriate guilt? How should we respond to it? How does inappropriate guilt destroy lives? Where is the source of inappropriate guilt?

Read Isaiah 61:1-3

- 1) What are some of the messages Jesus was anointed to preach according to this passage?
- 2) Which one of Jesus’ anointed messages in this passage stood out to you most as applicable in your life?
- 3) In what ways are we, (people in general) sick, bound, in sorrow and in need of “good tidings”, healing, freedom, and the other promises from this passage?
 - a) What specific past or current struggle or sin has held power over you?
 - b) Can you express how Jesus’ “good tidings” empower you to be free from the power and bondage of sin?
- 4) Describe God’s purpose for allowing guilt to enter our minds? How does He want us to deal with our guilt?
- 5) How does the function of guilt change after we receive Christ and the forgiveness of sin in our lives?
- 6) Read Psalm 16:3. What should be the mark of our lives when we walk in God’s provision and embrace Jesus’ message of good tidings?

Read John 8:1-11

- 7) Describe the helpless and vulnerable state of the woman brought to Jesus. Was she guilty according to the law?
- 8) Describe the brilliantly diabolical plan the Pharisee’s had devised to trap Jesus? In what way was the dilemma they presented to Jesus valid?
- 9) What were some of the inaccurate or incomplete things presented in their accusation of this women?
- 10) Who did Jesus authorize in verse 7 to begin stoning the woman?
- 11) How is Jesus’ mission revealed by His statement in verse 11, “neither do I condemn you”? Read John 3:17.
- 12) Why was Jesus able maintain the justice demanded by Law of Moses and allow the woman to go free without condemnation? (Read Isaiah 53:6 and Romans 3:26)
- 13) What 3 ways does Jesus heal us, and what does He achieve for our lives by His sacrificial death? How do we do we go about receiving the full benefit of His work on the cross?

Read Romans 8:31-34

- c) Who do think are our accusers and what might be their motivation for accusing us? How do we deal with these accusations?
- d) Describe the difference between conviction of sin and condemnation for sin. What is the difference in the biblical response to these different challenges?