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"Judging Sin and Receiving Forgiveness"

INTRO: *For numerous reasons, the story of the adulterous woman brought before Jesus was probably oral tradition that only later found its way into the Gospel. Nevertheless, it has all the earmarks of historical veracity.*

I. We all _____ and deserve God's _____.

Everyone falls short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23) and the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).

II. People are often quicker to _____ another's sin than _____ their own (8:1-6).

The Pharisees exploited the woman's sin (probably the result of entrapment) to test Jesus but they were blind to their own sins.

III. Receive Jesus' _____ and commit to _____ living (8:7-11).

Let God judge those who judge your sin. There are three principles we may draw from the text.

A. _____.

No sin is outside of God's merciful reach of forgiveness.

B. _____.

Don't be like the Pharisees who Jesus exposed as hypocrites in His famous sermon (Cf. Matt. 7:1-5).

C. _____.

Though released from sin's condemnation, we must proceed with a focus on living holy and avoiding sin.