

Sermon Series: “Close Encounters of the Divine Kind”

A Sinner Encounters Jesus

Text: John 8:1-11

Introduction: *Have you ever been caught in a sin that no one else knew about? Are you hiding from others some kind of sin in your life right now? Sin will eventually be revealed in us in one form or another (John 8:34; I Corinthians 10:12; Numbers 32:23). In our text we learn that justice is defined as receiving the punishment we deserve. Mercy is defined as receiving less than the punishment we deserve, and grace is defined as receiving what we don't deserve.*

I. The _____ Demand _____ vss.1-8:6a

No society can exist very long without justice as an integral part of it's moral fabric (Judges 17:6; 18:1ff; 19:1ff; 21:25).

Lev.20:10; Deut.22:22; 5:18; Ex.20:14 Adultery Forbidden
John 5:39-47; 6:32ff; 7:40ff Pharisees argued with Jesus

II. The _____ Suggests _____ vss.6b-8

Micah 7:18&19; Lam.3:22&23; Titus 3:5 God is Merciful
Deuteronomy 17:7
Micah 6:8; Matthew 6:4 We must be Merciful
James 2:12&13; Matthew 5:7

III. The Redeemer Gives _____ vss.9-11

II Corinthians 5:14
Ephesians 2:8&9; Romans 8:1&2; 5:8; II Timothy 1:9

Conclusion: A pardon is not a pardon, unless those to whom it is given, choose to receive it. Have you chosen to receive God's pardon?