

John 8:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

Analysis

Jesus asks, 'Where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?' This question emphasizes the absence of qualified judges. Human accusers fled before their own guilt, leaving only Christ - who has right to condemn but chooses to save. This moment pictures the gospel: the only righteous Judge offers pardon, not punishment.

Historical Context

Without accusers present and with Roman restriction on Jewish capital punishment, the legal case dissolved. But Jesus' question addresses deeper reality - the absence of any human qualified to condemn.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does it mean that Christ, the only qualified judge, chooses mercy?

2. How does understanding your own guilt before God affect how you treat others?
3. Why does Jesus ask about her accusers rather than immediately pronouncing forgiveness?

Interlinear Text

ἀνακύψας	δὲ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	καὶ	μηδένα	θεασάμενος		
had lifted up himself	When	G3588	Jesus	and	none	saw		
G352	G1161		G2424	G2532	G3367	G2300		
πλὴν	τῆς	γυνή	εἶπεν	αὐτῇ	Ἡ	γυνή	ποῦ	εἰσιν
but	G3588	Woman	he said	unto her	G3588	Woman	where	are
G4133		G1135	G2036	G846		G1135	G4226	G1526
ἐκεῖνοι	οἱ	κατήγοροί	σου	οὐδεὶς	σε	κατέκρινεν		
those	G3588	accusers	thine	no man	thee	condemned		
G1565		G2725	G4675	G3762	G4571	G2632		

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