

John 8:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

Analysis

The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery, setting a trap for Jesus. Their action reveals hardened hearts more concerned with catching Jesus in error than with justice or the woman's soul. This illustrates how religion without grace becomes cruel, using people as pawns in theological disputes.

Historical Context

According to Levitical law (Lev 20:10), both adulterers were to be executed, yet only the woman was brought. This selective enforcement suggests the whole scene was contrived to trap Jesus.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does legalism without grace harm people?
2. When are you tempted to use others to prove your theological points?
3. What does this scene reveal about religious hypocrisy?

Interlinear Text

ἄγουσιν δὲ οἱ γραμματεῖς καὶ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι πρὸς

brought And G3588 the scribes and G3588 Pharisees unto

G71 G1161 G1122 G2532 G5330 G4314

αὐτὴν γυναῖκα ἐν μοιχείᾳ κατειλημμένην καὶ

her a woman in adultery taken and

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στήσαντες αὐτὴν ἐν μέσῳ

when they had set her in the midst

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