

John 8:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

Analysis

When they persist, Jesus stands and delivers His famous response: 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone.' This brilliant answer upholds law's standard while exposing human inability to execute perfect justice. It shifts focus from the woman's sin to her accusers' sins, demonstrating that all fall short of God's glory.

Historical Context

Jewish law required witnesses to cast the first stones (Deut 17:7). Jesus doesn't deny her guilt or dismiss the law, but requires sinless judges - an impossible standard revealing universal human sinfulness.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does recognition of your own sin affect how you view others' sins?
2. What is the difference between judging sin and being judgmental?

3. When are you tempted to hold others to standards you yourself fail to meet?

Interlinear Text

ώς δὲ ἐπέμενον ἐρωτῶντες αὐτη̄ ἀνάκυψας εἶπεν
when So they continued asking her he lifted up himself and said
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πρὸς αὐτη̄ Ο ἀναμάρτητος ὑμῶν πρῶτος τὸν
unto her G3588 He that is without sin among you first G3588
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λίθον ἐπ' αὐτη̄ βαλέτω
a stone at her cast
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Additional Cross-References

Colossians 4:6 (Parallel theme): Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Revelation 2:16 (Parallel theme): Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

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