



"The Sisters: Mercy & Grace"

John 7:53-8:11 • part 37

INTRODUCTION

- one story multiplied over and over again

1. The textual dilemma

- should this section be included in John's gospel?

- the science of "textual (lower) criticism"

2. The horns of a dilemma (7:53-8:6)

- differentiating scribes & Pharisees

- the problem of adultery

Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:13-24

- questionable details

- problematic motives: setting a trap

3. The reversed dilemma (8:6-9)

- Jesus' delay: writing in the dirt

Ex. 23:1; Jer. 17:13
Deut.17:6-7

- Jesus' reply: pure brilliance

Rom. 2:1

4. The judicial dilemma (8:10-11)

- clean words, clean restart

- how do mercy & justice, grace & Law fit together?

Rom. 7:12; Ezk. 18:4
Ps. 85:10; Rom 8:3-4; 3:21-26
1 Pet. 2:24

CONCLUSION