

# ACCUSATION, INVESTIGATION, & EVALUATION JOHN 8:2-11

“Believe nothing what you hear and only half what you see!”

What do we believe? Everything? Nothing? How do we evaluate a man / woman?

## I. No one is innocent!

**Jeremiah 17:9** The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

**Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is **none** righteous, **no, not one**: **Romans 3:11** There is **none** that understandeth, there is **none** that seeketh after God. **Romans 3:12** They are **all** gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is **none** that doeth good, **no, not one**. **Romans 3:13** Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: **Romans 3:14** Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: **Romans 3:15** Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: **Romans 3:16** Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: **Romans 3:17** And the way of peace have they not known: **Romans 3:18** There is **no** fear of God before their eyes.

**Romans 3:23** For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**John 8:3** And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman **taken in adultery**; and when they had set her in the midst, **John 8:4** They say unto him, Master, this woman was **taken in adultery, in the very act**.

**John 8:5** Now **Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?**

**John 8:6** This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his finger* wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not*.

**John 8:7** 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**.

**John 8:8** And **again** he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. **John 8:9** And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, **beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst**.

**John 8:10** 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? **John 8:11** She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

## Thoughts:

- No one is innocent
- Especially is this true when sin is seen as thought, word & deed
- Even more so when we consider matters of the heart &/ socially acceptable sins!!!

**Proverbs 6:16** These six *things* doth the LORD **hate**: yea, seven *are* an **abomination** unto him:

**Proverbs 6:17** A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, **Proverbs 6:18** An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, **Proverbs 6:19** A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

**2 Corinthians 7:1** Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all **filthiness of the flesh and spirit**, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Some things we never seem to get beyond: ego, pettiness, pride, proud of our humility, proud of our godliness, proud that we didn't...!!!

**II. All are, at best, relatively innocent!**

**III. All people(s) are a mixture**

Potential for cruelty - ugliness

Potential for nobility - beauty

Psalm 23 & Psalm 51

**Remember: People are **more than one thing!****

**John 8:46** Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

**Matthew 27:4** Saying, I have sinned **in that I have betrayed the innocent blood**. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

**Matthew 27:19** When he was set down on the judgment seat, **his wife** sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with **that just man**: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Hebrews 4:15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**.

**Hebrews 7:25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. **Hebrews 7:26** For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy,

harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; **Hebrews 7:27** Who needeth **not** daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

**Hebrews 9:12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

**Hebrews 9:14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself **without spot** to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**1 Peter 2:22** Who did **no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth**:

**1 John 3:5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; **and in him is no sin**.

How can this help us in the real world?

**Beware of all Marxist thinking / analysis:**

- There are 2 groups
- There are only two groups
- The two groups are in conflict
- **One** group, the oppressors are bad / evil, **&** the **other** group, the oppressed, are good
- The oppressed can **never** become the oppressor **&** the oppressors can **never** become the oppressed

**Racism: black v. white**

**Classism: rich v. poor**

**Sexism: male v. female**

**Imperialism: rich nations v. poor nations**

“Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart -- and through all human hearts. This line shifts. Inside us, it oscillates with the years. And even within hearts overwhelmed by evil, one small bridgehead of good is retained. And even in the best of all hearts, there remains ... an unuprooted small corner of evil.

Since then I have come to understand the truth of all the religions of the world: They struggle with the *evil inside a human being*(inside every human being). It is impossible to expel evil from the world in its entirety, but it is possible to constrict it within each person.”

– Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago 1918-1956

**IV. Innocence or guilt then can only be about this **particular** crime / issue**  
**This is very important and very difficult.**