

# Accepting Forgiveness

Text: John 8:1-11

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**Intro:** Characters, Perspectives ...Accepting Forgiveness

## 1. Religious Leaders – Perspective: **Closed**

- a. Discredit Jesus (John 8:6); Eliminate Jesus (John 7:1)
- b. **Maintain Control** (John 7:32, 47-52)

**Snag:** Didn't approach Jesus for Forgiveness

## 2. Woman – Perspective: **Caught** (John 8:3)

- a. Exposed / Forced / Uncared For (John 8:3-4, 6)
- b. Experience of Shame

**Snag:** Overcoming shame can be difficult.

## 3. Crowd – Perspective: **Curious**

- a. **Drawn** (John 8:2); But **Divided** (John 7:26-27, 40-42)
- b. Witnesses (John 8:3) & Judges (John 8:5, 7)

**Snag:** Focus can be on "**Others'** Wrong Doing"

## 4. Jesus – Perspective: **Charitable**

- a. Religious Ldrs. – **Foiled**; Not Condemned (Jn. 8:7-10)
- b. Woman – Not Condemned; Given **New Way** (Jn. 8:11)
- c. Crowd – Enlightened

## 5. Call to Respond