

# Overcoming Darkness

John 8:1-30

## I. The Darkness of Hypocrisy (vs. 1-11)

### A. Confrontation (vs. 1-6a)

#### 1. shaming the woman

“caught” – “taken with her shame upon her.”

Where was the man?

#### 2. trapping Jesus

**Deuteronomy 22:22**

**Why is it so easy to recognize sin in others and so easy to overlook sin in our own heart?**

### B. Conviction (vs. 6b-9)

“bent down”

“wrote on the ground”

**Jeremiah 17:13**

“He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone.”

**Those who came to shame both Jesus and the woman now leave in shame.**

### C. Compassion (vs. 10-11)

#### 1. The power of forgiveness

2. The call to repentance - **The proper response to mercy received on account of past sins is purity in the future.**

Grace never overlooks sin

**1 John 1:7**

## II. The Darkness of Opposition (vs. 12-30)

A. The *testimony* of Jesus (vs. 12) “I Am the light of the world” **John 1:4-5**

The pillar of cloud that guided, protected Israel

The shekinah glory that filled the tabernacle

**Exodus 40:8; John 1:14**

Water and light together at the coming of the Lord

**Zechariah 14:6-9**

Temple Illumination Ceremony

### B. The *authority* of Jesus’ testimony (vs. 13-20)

Jesus’ defense:

1. (vs. 14) – His testimony was based on firsthand knowledge

2. (vs. 15) – They judge by human standards

3. (vs. 16-18) – God the Father corroborates His testimony

### C. The *origin* of Jesus’ testimony (vs. 21-30)

1. Where Jesus is going (vs. 21-22)

“look for me”

“die in your sin”

There is one sin that will keep us from eternal life with God – unbelief

2. Who Jesus is (vs. 23-25)

“from above, not of this world”

“I am He” **Isaiah 43:10**

3. Who the Father is (vs. 26-27)

4. What His mission is (vs. 28-30)

“lifted up”

**The exaltation of Jesus by *means* of the cross is also the exaltation of Jesus *on* the cross.**  
**John 16:32**