Pastor Matt Morrell Sunday, December 4, 2011 Fourth Baptist Church

"The Savior and The Sinner"

John 7:53-8:11

I. The _____ of Jesus (7:53-8:2)

II. The _____ of the Jews (8:3-6a)

III. The _____ of Jesus (8:6b-8)

IV. The _____ of the Jews (8:9a)

"Christ's enemies had thought to ensnare Him by the law of Moses; instead, they had its searching light turned upon themselves. Grace had not defied, but had upheld the law! One sentence from the lips of Holiness incarnate and they were all silenced, all convicted, and all departed. At another time, a self-righteous Pharisee might boast of his fastings, his tithes and his prayers; but when God turns the light on a man's heart, his moral and spiritual depravity become apparent even to himself, and shame shuts his lips. So it was here. Not a word had Christ uttered against the law; in nowise had He condoned the woman's sin. Unable to find any ground for accusation against Him, completely baffled in their evil designs, convicted by their consciences, they slunk away." -A.W.Pink

This story is far more than a battleground for textual critics. It paints a marvelous picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose gracious humility, infinite wisdom, convicting speech, and tender forgiveness are its central themes. All Christians should be grateful to God for sovereignly preserving [this text].

- John MacArthur

In evil, long I took delight, Unawed by shame or fear, 'Til a new object met my sight, And stopped my wild career.

I saw One hanging on a tree, In agony and blood, Who fixed His languid eyes on me, As near His cross I stood.

Sure, never to my latest breath Shall I forget that look. It seemed to charge me with His death, Though not a word He spoke.

A second look He gave, which said, "I freely all forgave, My blood was for thy ransom paid, I died that thou mayest live."