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THE ONE WHERE JESUS SHIELDS THE ACCUSED

"Our message is that God was making all human beings his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends."

2 Corinthians 5:19 (GNT)

"As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

John 8:3-11 (NLT)

The Redeemer and Friend in the Courtyard

1. He redeems the _____.

Colossians 2:14-15 (TLB) – "He forgave all your sins, and blotted out the charges proved against you... He took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross. In this way God took away Satan's power to accuse you of sin, and God openly displayed to the whole world Christ's triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away."

Psalm 103:10-12 (NLT) – "He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve... He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west."

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (GNT) – "Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends..."

2. He _____ in the courtyard.

John 8:9-11 (NLT) – "When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

Romans 8:33-34 (NLT) – "Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us."

3. He refuses to _____.

Isaiah 43:1 (NLT) – "But now, O Israel, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.***"

Romans 8:1 (NLT) – "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."

"He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross."

Colossians 2:14 (NLT)

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)

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