

THE BOOK OF JOHN

VANTAGE POINT

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ACCUSERS - PHARISEES AND SCRIBES (LAWYERS)

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WOUNDED - WOMAN

ACCOMPLICE - MAN

OBSERVERS - CROWD

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke, Irish philosopher and politician

SAVIOR - JESUS

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APPLICATION

Which vantage point can you associate with?

Accusers

Wounded

Accomplice

Observers

Savior

REFLECT HONESTLY

Sin can be defined as: Anyone one who has offended God, had lapse of judgement, done a regrettable action or made a mistake.

Nathan's interpretation of Romans 3:23: "For all have made mistakes and not lived up to the Holiness of God."

GIVE GRACE

The same grace and compassion Jesus gave, we should grant to others who have offended us or had a lapse of judgement.

Jesus would say to us, anyone who has not had a lapse of judgement or made a mistake, press for Justice!

Prayer: God judge them with the same grace and mercy that you judge me with.

ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

For Jesus to forgive you and to restore you to the beautiful Child of God He made you.