**Series: Jesus Is**

**Today’s Message: Jesus Is Our Advocate**

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***1 John 2:1-2***

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

**John 8**

*1But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" 6They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.*

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." 8Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

***Deuteronomy 17:6-7***

*On the testimony of two or three witnesses a man shall be put to death, but no one shall be put to death on the testimony of only one witness. 7 The hands of the witnesses must be the first in putting him to death, and then the hands of all the people. You must purge the evil from among you.*

***Deuteronomy 19:18-19***

*… if the witness proves to be a liar, giving false testimony against his brother, 19 then do to him as he intended to do to his brother.*

*9At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*

*11"No one, sir," she said.  "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

1. **You have a very real accuser and a very real advocate.**

***Revelation 12:10***

*For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.*

***2 Corinthians 3:6***

*He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

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1. **Have you been gripped by the inestimable grace of God?**

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F. B. Meyer

“It can be a terrible thing for a sinner to fall into the hands of fellow sinners.”

Condone

Condemn

Restore