***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

CAKE ALL OVER YOUR FACE

*When 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.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At 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.**Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*John 8:7-11

Introduction: Smeared birthday cake all over a toddler’s face is such a familiar sight that it has become an expression we use to describe someone who’s made a mess out of something and bears the evidence to prove it. Spiritually speaking, it’s when we sin and get “caught with our hand in the cookie jar.” You might remember that this is what happened to the woman caught in adultery in John 8. She was left with cake all over her face. But Jesus steps in with the napkin of grace to clean her up and the hammer of the law to rebuke her accusers. To see how He does this, we’ll focus on the three main characters.

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CAUGHT (John 8:1-4):

 a. An Unlikely Setting (8:1-2).

 b. An Unknown Sinner (8:3-4).

 c. A Universal Situation (8:4).

2. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CONDEMNING (John 8:3-6a):

 a. They saw Jesus as a personal threat.

 b. They saw the woman as a pawn to be used.

 c. They saw sin as a punishable offense.

3. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CHALLENGING (John 8:6b-11):

 a. He diverted attention away from the woman.

 b. He didn’t fight back and argue with them.

 c. He dealt with sin and offered grace.

CONCLUSION: Do you still have cake on your face?

Answers: 1. Mistress 2. Men 3. Master