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- Defined: A way of regarding situations or topics
 1. People with the same job - drudgery / glad to have it
 2. A new vehicle and three years later
 3. Marriage: single people longing to get in, married people...
- Different perspectives of God
 1. Due to background / upbringing
 2. What others have said / revealed about Him
 3. Negative situations attributed to God
- The best perspective of God
 1. Look at Scripture
 2. Look at Jesus (*John 1:18 CSB*)

THREE PERSPECTIVES OF JESUS (*John 8:2-12 NKJV*)

- The Pharisees and religious leaders
 1. Jesus was a threat to their way of life
 2. They did not care about the woman
 3. Jesus exposed their hypocrisy
- The crowd that observed the encounter
 1. Jesus was their hope of a better life
 2. They had been under the thumb of Rome
 3. They had been under the thumb of a man-made religion
- The woman being accused
 1. Jesus was salvation personified
 2. He was the only one who could have thrown a rock
 3. He did not condemn or condone, He understood

THREE PERSPECTIVES OF GOD TODAY

- God the One some avoid
 1. He threatens their way of life
 2. Exposes what is wrong (*John 3:20 NLT*)
- God the hope of better
 1. There is a better way
 2. People have lived too long under the thumb of the darkness in this world
 3. The light of God's goodness offers the hope of peace, of purpose (*Psalms 27:13 NKJV*)
- God the One who loves us
 1. The One who could have condemned paid to save us
 2. The One who understands us and still loves us
 3. The safest, strongest place is connected to His love (*Romans 8:38-39 NLT*)