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SERMON OUTLINE -- SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

CHECK YOUR NECK!

(Mark 9:42-48)

INTRODUCTION: *Cutting off hands & feet, plucking out eyes, tying a millstone on your neck!"*

I. CONTRARY TO TODAY'S SOCIETY, GOD TAKES SIN SERIOUSLY

- A. Today, sin is 'winked at' & the *word* sin almost vanished from our vocabulary
- B. Not so with God:
note the graphic language about – hands, feet, eyes (vv. 43-48)
- C. And, what is a *millstone* that is to be "*tied around our neck*"? (v. 42)

II. WE EASILY NOTICE OTHERS WHOSE SIN IS SERIOUS

- A. You can make a list of some sinful people... but leave yourself off that list
- B. Even a well-known Biblical person: King David (2 Samuel 12:1-9)
- C. But David then & we today see other's sins, but not our own (2 Samuel 12:5-7a)
- D. Now, let's look honestly into the mirror of our own lives (Romans 3:23)

(please turn over)

III. THE MILLSTONE SHOULD BE TIED AROUND OUR NECK

- A. **Check your neck!** (Romans 6:23)
- B. We are “that man” spoken of in 2 Samuel 12:7-9a
- C. Revelation 18 speaks about the “millstone judgement” we deserve due to our sin

IV. BUT HERE IS SOMETHING AMAZING:

THE MILLSTONE HAS BEEN TIED AROUND JESUS' NECK!

- A. The Bible says Jesus has *become sin for us* (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- B. Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, our millstones have been untied!
- C. **Check your neck!**
- D. **Check your neck** at every Baptism & celebration of Holy Communion!

CONCLUSION: *Sin is serious, but God's forgiveness is more powerful, so... **check your neck!***