

Woman Caught in Adultery

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John 7:53 – 8:11 Then each went to his own home. But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They 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. 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.”

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: How easy is it to point a finger at someone else and their problem?

Discussion:

1. Who committed the greatest sin? The Priests and Pharisee's, or the woman?
2. How are we like the Priests and Pharisees?
3. What kind of people put Jesus on the Cross? The Pharisee's or the woman?
4. Do we at times promote man-made rules to the extent that we hinder the Spirit of God's effectiveness? If so, give examples.
5. How can we help those around us have an encounter with Jesus in order for their circumstances in life be changed?

APPLICATIONS:

1 Cor. 2:14-16 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

“For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

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Leviticus 20:10

Deut. 22:22

Deut 17:6

John 14:21