



John 8:1-11

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***THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY***

**Introduction:**

**I. JESUS FACES A SELF-RIGHTEOUS CHALLENGE (8:1-6a)**

A. The Account (vs. 1-2)

“but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives”

“early in the morning He came again into the temple”

“all the people were coming to Him”

“He sat down and began to teach them”

B. The Accusers (vs. 3a)

“the scribes and the Pharisees”

C. The Accused (vs. 3b)

“brought a woman caught in adultery”

“having set her in the center of the court”

D. The Accusation (vs. 4-5)

“Teacher”

“this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act”

“Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women”

“what then do You say?”

E. The Affectation (vs. 6a)

“they were saying this, testing Him”

“so that they might have grounds for accusing Him”

## II. JESUS FORGIVES A SINNER WHO REPENTS (8:6b-11)

### A. He Faces the Pharisees (vs. 6b-9)

“Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground”

“when they persisted in asking Him”

“He straightened up, and said to them, ‘He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ ”

“again He stooped down and wrote on the ground”

“when they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones”

“He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court”

### B. He Forgives the Fallen Woman (vs. 10-11)

“straightening up, Jesus said to her...”

“Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?”

“She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ ”

“I do not condemn you, either.”

“Go. From now on sin no more.”

### Conclusion:

- 1) We have *all* been caught in the act of sin.
- 2) Therefore, we all *equally* stand in the need of forgiveness and grace.
- 3) Jesus offers the Law to self-righteous people, but grace to broken sinners who repent.

### Food for Thought:

- 1) What is the proper way to handle textual problems in the Bible?
- 2) Why do we tend to come down hard on some sins (homosexuality, immorality, theft) while being rather soft on others (hypocrisy, pride, gossip)?
- 3) Why does a true understanding of God's grace never lead to licentious living?
- 4) What can we learn from Jesus' pattern of giving the Law to the self-righteous but offering grace to sinners?