

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 8:1-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“What God Says About Adultery”**

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

**John 1:12**

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

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**John 8:1-12**

**1** But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

**2** Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. **3** Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, **4** they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. **5** Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" **6a.** This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him....

**6b.** But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. **7** So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." **8** And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

**9** Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. **10** When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" **11** She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

## What God Says About Adultery?

# This 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment

Is mentioned 34 times in the  
Old Testament  
and some 30 times in the New Testament

## The World Calls This Sin, an *Affair*

Yet, It's the only sin mentioned in all of the scripture that has a special danger associated with it.

1 Corinthians 6:17-18

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, **but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.**

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

## The Feast of Tabernacles was now Concluding

And recorded in chapter 7 was, according to flavioius joesphus, Judaism's most colorful and glorious celebration of the Jewish year. Jerusalem's populations from 250,000 was swollen to some 3 million people.

## What God Says About Adultery?

**1.) *What Jesus thinks about sin***

**vv. 1-6a**

A Confrontation was brewing  
And the legalists are losing ground fast

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In our last study together, *The events of chapter 7:40-53 created a great rift between the leaders of an aberrant Judaism, and Jesus himself, who, being*

*their very messiah, and the hope of the world, was being rejected because He did not conform nor fit into their definition of what religion should be like!*

The reason why there are some many religions in the world today is because man believes he can establish his own rules for redemption and forgiveness.

**It is universal truth,  
that mankind is under the grip of guilt and yoke of  
sin**

DEEP DOWN INSIDE IS THE CONVICTION THAT ONLY JESUS CAN FORGIVE US  
OF OUR SINS

**At some other time, Jesus was healing and forgiving sins**

Mark 2:5-8

6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

**The Truth is;  
Man Needs Forgiveness of Sin**

Luke 23:33-34

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

**What God Says About Adultery?**

**a.) *The attractiveness of Jesus***

**v.1-2**

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

John 7:53

**And everyone went to his own house.**

**...8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.**

# A Homeless Jesus

Matthew 8:20-21

"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

## Verse 2

Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, **and all the people came to Him**; and He sat down and taught them.

Leviticus 23:35

This was a Special Sabbath Day, the Eight Day Following the Feast of Tabernacles - A day of Reflection and Quiet meditation and Teaching

## So He sat down and taught them

...and **all** (types) the people came to Him

not a good thing for those who hate you already!!!

## ***b.) The attack upon Jesus***

**v.3**

3 Then the scribes and Pharisees **brought** to Him a woman **caught** in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was **caught** in adultery, in the very act.

# **They drag her to Jesus**

**the law, commanded us that such should be stoned.**

Deuteronomy 22:22

"If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die--the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.

Proverbs 6:32

Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.

## Rape is Punishable by Death According to God

Deuteronomy 22:25-27

"But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall be put to death. 26 But you shall do nothing to the young woman; there is in the young woman no sin deserving of death, for just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so is this matter.

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication... and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things **will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Ephesians 5:4-5

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Revelation 22:14-15

15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral

### **c.) *The accusation against Jesus***

**v.5-6**

Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" 6a. **This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him.**

## They thought they had caught Him

## Here is Their Glory

**#1**

If Jesus condemned her  
He would never be called the friend of sinners again

Luke 7:34-35

The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' 35 But wisdom is justified by all her children."

**#2**

If Jesus let her go  
Then He would be soft on sin and compromising

Genesis 18:25  
...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

## The Grace of God!

Numbers 14:18  
The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression,

### Grace can be despised

when we begin to think that we don't really need it ourselves – *it's for the weak*

We need to always see our  
need of grace

## What God Says About Adultery?

**2.) *What Jesus says about sin* vv. 6b-8**

**a.) *The silence of God can be heard* v.6b**

But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger,  
as though He did not hear.

There are several views as to what Jesus is doing  
here

**#1**

that he wrote the fourth commandment  
(sabbath)

**#2**

that we wrote the seventh commandment  
(adultery)

#3

that he wrote down the name of the man who was with the woman

#4

was what he wrote was the sins of the accusers

#5

that he wrote down the ten commandments

## It's my opinion

that Jesus here began to write out the ten commandments in the dust

He begins to write the ten commandments  
before them

**b.) *The wisdom of God overrules***

**v.7**

So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "**He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.**"



You would Have Had to Have Been There,

The Dean of Law begins to stretch and loosen up his arm, then he picks up some choice stones... smells the cool morning air and is glad saying...

It's a beautiful morning for a stoning.

Now **Jr. Pharisee** starts his warm up routine...

James 2:13

...and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Aren't you glad that God knows everything about you?  
Better than your friends!!!

**c.) *The hand of God reveals***

**v.1**

And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

He begins to write **their names** before them

It's a beautiful morning to give God the glory.

Jeremiah 17:13

O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water.

Deuteronomy 9:10

Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken

Daniel 5:23-25

the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified. 24 Then the fingers of a hand appeared and wrote on the wall. This was what has been sent from God and this is the inscription that was written: "you have been weight in the balances and you have been found to be as nothing. What you have shall be taken away, and your life is over"

from the ten commandments - to their names - He began to  
"connect the dots"

1. You shall have no other gods before Me. - Fred and your pornography
2. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, - John and your company

3. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, - Bill's mouth
4. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. - Joe - work-a-holic
5. "Honor your father and your mother, - Mike you hate your parents
6. "You shall not murder. - Adolf - 6 million Jews
7. "You shall not commit adultery. - Bill with bubbles behind the 7/11
8. "You shall not steal. - Bob and your income tax
9. "You shall not lie - Jerry while under oath
10. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; wife, butler, maids, his SUV, or her BMW, nor any other thing that your neighbor owns"...

if your name is Bill or Hillary or Jack and Jill  
fill in the blank

Romans 3:19

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

James 2:10-12

10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

## What God Says About Adultery?

**3.) *What Jesus does about sin***

**vv. 9-11**

**a.) *He judges the accuser***

**v.9a**

Then those who heard it, being **convicted by their conscience**, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last

**convicted by their conscience**  
they were guilty of the same sin or sins  
**Without Grace,**

# Our Sins Look Much Worse on Someone Else

**out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last**

The Bible Clearly Teaches  
That we all have the same enemy of our souls - Satan

Revelation 12:9-11

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

**b.) *He never leaves the sinner***

**v.9b-10**

And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.  
When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those **accusers** of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

## Jesus Condemns Sin

Romans 8:3

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

1 Timothy 1:14-15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

**He forgives Sinners**

**He pardons Sinners**

**He loves Sinners**

**He saves Sinners**

Luke 19:10

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Was this woman guilty of having sex outside of marriage?

Yes – adultery – one of them or both were married

**c.) He becomes the authority**

**v.11a**

She said, "No one, Lord."

She Yielded to His AUTHORITY

No one, Lord

When are you going to yield to Him – when?

It is Evident, that Jesus loves to forgive sin

Think about His joy for a moment

- Evil has no power to Him
- Death and destruction has no lasting effect
- That the **greatest of sinners**, become His trophy piece

As He displays His grace (I want to grace em') and favor (I want to them to know they're my favorite) and mercy (I want to pour on them new mercy every morning)

**d.) He grants new life**

**v.1b**

And Jesus said to her,  
"Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

**sin no more**

Do not live that lifestyle anymore

## POWER WAS GRANTED TO NO LONGER SIN IN THAT THING

Romans 2:4

do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 6:14

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

### Think about His joy for a moment

Hebrews 12:2

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Zephaniah 3:17

For the Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will give you victory. He will rejoice over you with great gladness; he will love you and not accuse you." Is that a joyous choir I hear? No, it is the Lord himself exulting over you in happy song.

# O' Happy Day!!!

When Jesus washed my tears away

## There is no condemnation in His presence

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,  
"But fullness of joy!"

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The end