

Man's Dark Sinfulness and God's Great Forgiveness

John 08:01–11

1. *A picture of Jesus' life*

- a. His life of devotion
- b. His life of worship
- c. His life of mission and teaching

2. *A picture of man's dark guilt*

- a. A woman and a man were guilty of adultery
- b. Some witnesses who were offended were guilty of being vindictive and seeking revenge
- c. The religionists and the public were guilty
 - 1) Had a self-righteous, critical spirit
 - 2) Had a hypocritical attitude
- d. Jesus ignored them as long as possible

3. *A picture of man's dark nature: All men are sinful – guilty of serious sin*

- a. The counter-charge by Jesus: If any person is without sin, then he can condemn her
- b. The result: All were convicted
 - 1) The oldest accuser
 - 2) The last accuser

1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

4 And said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

6 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.

7 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."

8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 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.

<p>4. Conclusion: <i>The great revelation – Jesus alone has the right to condemn and forgive</i></p> <p>a. He forgave her and gave her a second chance</p> <p>b. He challenged and warned her: Sin no more</p>	<p>10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”</p> <p>11 “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”</p>
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