

## **“Can the Rebellious Judge the Sinful in Righteousness?”**

### **John 8:1-11 (v. 7) NLT**

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#### **A Woman Caught in Adultery**

<sup>8</sup> Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, <sup>2</sup> but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

<sup>4</sup> “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

<sup>6</sup> They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. <sup>7</sup> They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” <sup>8</sup> Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

<sup>9</sup> When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

<sup>11</sup> “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

#### **Can We Talk?**

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*What did the Mount of Olives represent?*

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*How should we start our day?*

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*Was she alone?*

*Where was the man?*

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*Leviticus 20:10*

*Deuteronomy 22:22-24*

*Why did they all of a sudden want Jesus' opinion?*

*What was the trap – Jewish Law vs Roman Law.*

*What is the third option?*

*Why did Jesus stoop down?*

*What did Jesus write on the ground?*

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***(iv. "The normal Greek word for to write is graphein; but the word used here is katagrapheini, which can mean to write down a record against someone." (Barclay)***

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*Why did they keep on questioning Him?*

*What did His statement in verse 7 cause them to do?*

*Who left first and why?*

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*Romans 8:31*

*How did Jesus address the woman's adultery?*

**Final Thought:**

**Jesus rebuked those who think they are without sin, but offers Love, Grace and Mercy to those who admitted their sins and seek forgiveness.**