

John 7:53-8:11

The Woman Caught in Adultery

1. Does this text belong here in John's Gospel? _____

- a. Internal evidence against its inclusion:
 - i. It clearly breaks the _____ of the text. –*John 7:52; 8:12-13*
 - ii. It has a significant amount of _____ grammar and style.
- b. External evidence against its inclusion:
 - i. It is absent from the oldest manuscripts and church fathers.
 - ii. It is found in a variety of locations in different manuscripts.

2. The Scribes and Pharisees _____ Jesus: (7:53-8:6a)

- a. Where: Jesus sat teaching in the temple. –*Matt 5:1; Mk 9:35; Lk 5:3*
- b. Who: the scribes and the Pharisees. –*Matt 12:38; Mk 2:16; Lk 6:7*
- c. What: they brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus:
 - i. They claimed that she was caught in the very _____ of adultery.
 - ii. Does he agree with what Moses commands? –*Lev 20:10; Deut 22:22*
- d. Why: to test him, that they might have some charge against Him:
 - i. They were hypocrites unconcerned with _____. –*John 11:48*
 - ii. They hoped to accuse Jesus of _____. –*John 18:31; 19:12*

3. Jesus Masterfully _____ their Corruption: (6b-11)

- a. He ignored their question, bent down, and wrote on the ground.
- b. When pressed, Jesus stood up and said “*let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.*”
 - i. Jesus did not _____ or _____ the Law. –*Matt 5:17-18*
 - ii. Jesus was addressing the _____ that the Law required:
 1. _____ hand must be the first against her. –*Deut 13:9; 17:6-7*
 2. He must be _____ in this matter. –*Deut 19:16-18*
 3. He must account for the _____ of the man. –*Lev 20:10*
- c. There was no _____ who was willing to be _____:
 - i. Accordingly, Jesus would not condemn her to _____. –*John 7:15*
 - ii. Jesus charged her to _____ _____. –*John 5:14*

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They went each to his own house, **8**¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”