

# Caught in Adultery

## John 8:1-11

verse 1 - but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

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

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

Verse 4 - and said to Jesus,  
“Teacher, this woman was caught in  
the act of adultery.”

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

verse 6 - They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

verse 6b - But Jesus bent down and  
started to write on the ground with  
his finger.

verse 7 - When they kept on questioning him, he straighten up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

verse 8 - Again he stooped down  
and wrote on the ground.

verse 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.

verse 10 - Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

verse 11- “No one, sir,” she said.  
“Then neither do I condemn you,”  
Jesus declared. “Go now and leave  
your life of sin.”

What do we learn from this story?  
Jesus is wise beyond words and full  
of compassion.

But we also learn a lot about  
ministry.

1. If you want to be prepared for any situation life throws at you - you better be prayed up!

2. When circumstances are chaotic and challenging, you can ill afford the luxury of saying or doing whatever you feel. You had better be able to restrain your emotions.

James 1:20

3. In fragile, volatile situations,  
remaining silent is often our best  
response.

4. Embarrassing people over moral failure seldom leads to repentance.  
**People in sin need love more than a lecture.**