

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **John 8:1-11**.
- B. Even though some manuscripts do not contain this material it teaches truth, contradicts no other passage, and needs to be studied.
- C. Many lessons can be drawn from this incident in Jesus life; we can learn much about human behavior.

I. THE PEOPLE WHO CAUGHT HER.

- A. This is a very sad scene at first:
 - 1. A blood thirsty mob.
 - 2. A sinner "caught" in the act.
 - 3. Our Savior put on the spot.
- B. These were a depraved people:
 - 1. They thrived on the wickedness of others. Do we today in confession magazines, yellow journalism, etc.?
 - 2. They love to drag evil events into the eyes of the public. Fornication should not even be spoken about (Eph. 5:3).
 - 3. They showed no pity, shed no tears, probably because their hearts were hard.
 - 4. The Pharisees seemed glad or proud of what they had found. Love does not rejoice in wrong (1Cor. 13:6a).
- C. All of these were sinners themselves;
 - 1. Jesus did not accuse them, they accused themselves:
 - a. The most wicked are usually the most harsh (i.e., child abuse cycle).
 - b. The drunkard will throw away money on liquor and criticize his wife for buying an expensive dress.
 - c. The man with a beam in his eye will be critical of others with splinters in their eyes.
 - 2. We try to lift up self, by downing others.
 - 3. Each sinner thinks others sins are greater than those of his own.

II. THE SINNER.

- A. She was taken in the act, no doubt as to her sin:
 - 1. Man fears being caught by man more so than being caught by God.
 - 2. Forgiveness is harder obtained from man than it is from God.
- B. Where is her accomplice?
 - 1. Too many times in adultery only the woman suffers the shame.
 - 2. No man was brought to Jesus. Do we excuse some sins and not excuse others?
- C. But she did not leave when she had opportunity:
 - 1. There is definitely something compelling about Jesus.
 - 2. Even as a sinner we can feel comforted in His presence.
- D. Don't excuse the sin, give hope for the future:
 - 1. Treat thieves, liars, the proud, and the stingy as they are.
 - 2. But tell them they can change, and the future can be better.
- E. Jesus had the right to condemn her, because He had no sin. He did not because of His love for her. He condemned her sin, and told her to go her way, not doing it anymore (Jn. 8:11).

III. THE GREATNESS OF JESUS.

- A. Throughout this whole story we see the excellence of Christ and the depravity of the people.
- B. The right to judge is given to those who are pure:

1. "let him who is without sin" do the condemning.
 2. We must judge ourselves first, and then look to our brother (Mt. 7:1-5).
- C. Even though Jesus could throw stones He did not. We have sin in our life, therefore, we do not have the right to throw stones until we get rid of it. We all live in glass houses.
- D. The most holy people are always the most forgiving. To be a more forgiving person, become more righteous in your daily living.
- E. Jesus came not to condemn but to save. We are to have this attitude (Jn. 3:17; Phil. 2:5).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. We have seen:
1. The lives of the sinful people who caught the woman.
 2. The life of the one caught in sin.
 3. The wonderfulness and perfect example of Jesus.
- B. Jesus knows all things, therefore it is not our job to inform Him of everyone's sins (Heb. 4:13).
- C. It is our job to help our fellow man out of their sin with the gospel of Christ, giving hope for the future.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.