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- (John 8:1-11)
- A woman was caught in the very act of adultery and was taken to Jesus.
- This was intended as a trap.
  - Roman law forbade Jews to exercise capital punishment.
  - The law of Moses demanded that adulterers be stoned to death (Leviticus 20:10)
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• “Without sin, cast the first stone.”

• Jesus isn’t setting aside the law, nor is he advocating a non-judgmentalism with sin.
  • Both the guilty parties be stoned to death (Lev. 20:10).
  • The stoning was to begin with the witnesses (Deut. 17:6-7).

• He is not arguing that one must be sinless to condemn sin, but was exposing his knowledge of their wicked scheme.
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Lessons Learned

• Jesus knew the law and was in command of every situation (Mark 1:22; Psalm 119:105; 119:11).
• Jesus demands purity (8:11; Titus 2:11-12).
• Jesus showed compassion (8:9-10).
• Jesus unconditionally loved her (8:11).