

Series:

# THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN

## JOHN 8

Text:

Introduction:

There was a farmer who had a litter of puppies. "He painted a sign advertising the pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"'Mister,' he said. 'I want to buy one of your puppies.'

"'Well,' said the farmer, as he wiped the sweat off the back of his neck, 'these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money.'

"The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. 'I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?'

"'Sure,' said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. 'Here, Dolly!' he called. Out from the doghouse ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain-link fence. His eyes danced with delight.

"As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring in the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared; this one noticeably smaller. In a somewhat awkward manner the little puppy began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up. This was clearly the runt of the litter.

"I want that one, said the boy pointing to the runt.

"The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, 'Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would.'

"With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up the leg of his trousers. In doing so, he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg and attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, 'You see, sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands.'"

As we look this passage here in Chapter 8, we will to see a picture of a Sympathetic Savior. He doesn't tell us of One who is soft on sin, but of One who loves sinners and reaches out to them in grace, forgiveness and love.

Note:

# 1. THE SINFUL WOMAN (VS. 3)

## **John 8:3**

*<sup>3</sup> And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,*

Note:

### A. Her Sin

According to the narrative, she was caught in the very act of adultery. She was guilty before the face of the Lord and before the world. Now, adultery is a vile sin, but it is no worse than any other.

## **James 2:10**

*<sup>10</sup> For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

### B. Her Shame

In their haste to bring this woman to the Lord, her accusers probably didn't give her sufficient time to get properly dressed before they brought her into public.

Whether or not she was properly dressed, she was certainly humiliated by the public accusation and disclosure of her sin.

## C. Her Sentence

Her accusers were absolutely correct! According to the Law, she deserved to die.

### ***Leviticus 20:10***

*<sup>10</sup> And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.*

There was one small problem here: Where was her partner? Both were supposed to die for this sin! The man may have been part of this scheme to attack the Lord.

He may have been allowed to slip away. Nevertheless, this woman was guilty and she deserved to die.

Nobody gets away with sin! The penalty of it will always come due.

There will come a payday someday!

Note not only the sinful woman but also:

## 2. THE SCHEMING CRITICS (VS. 3-9)

### **John 8:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> *And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,* <sup>4</sup> *They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.* <sup>5</sup> *Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?* <sup>6</sup> *This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.* <sup>7</sup> *So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.* <sup>8</sup> *And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.* <sup>9</sup> *And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

Note:

### A. Their Plan

These men had it in their heads to pin Jesus on the horns of a dilemma.

If Jesus simply let the woman go, then He would be seen as being easy on sin and could have been arrested for being in violation of the Law.

If, however, He gave permission for the woman to be killed, He could then be accused before Rome as an upstart and a seditionist, and He would have destroyed His reputation as being the "friend of publicans and sinners".

They felt that no matter what Jesus said, He had no wiggle room.

## B. Their Problems

Their plan might have succeeded with an ordinary man, but they were dealing with Jesus Christ, and He simply refused to play by their rules! When they tried to stump Jesus, They discovered that they had met their match. Notice how He responded to their arguments.

### 1. They Were Ignored (vs. 6)

#### ***John 8:6***

*<sup>6</sup> This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.*

While they were talking to the Lord, He just knelt down and began to write on the ground. He had no use for their pettiness and lack of love for sinners.

## 2. They Were Exposed (vs. 7-9)

### **John 8:7-9**

*<sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. <sup>8</sup> And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.*

*<sup>9</sup> And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

When Jesus did speak, He said, "He that is without sin among, let him first cast a stone at her." Jesus wasn't requiring that any judge be sinless.

If that were the case then no human would ever be able to render judgment in any matter, even in a court of law. I think that Jesus was saying to these hypocrites,"

He that is free from this particular sin, let him first cast a stone at her." You see, adultery can be committed with the head and the heart just as surely as it may be committed with the body!

At this point, all the shouting came to a stop and all that could be heard was the dropping of their rocks and the shuffle of their shoes as they walked quietly away.

You see, these men has been exposed before their fellow man, the accused lady and most importantly before the Lord.

Note not only the sinful woman and the sinful critics but lastly:

### **3. THE SYMPATHETIC SAVIOUR (VS. 9B-11)**

#### ***John 8:9-11***

*<sup>9</sup> And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. <sup>10</sup> When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? <sup>11</sup> She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

Note:

#### **A. He Faced Her (vs. 9-10)**

Only the Lord could have clear a crowd after that fashion and when the last rock had hit the ground, the Lord stood up and faced this sinful woman.



As He stood before her, He was the only One the world has ever known who was qualified to take up the first stone, as well as the rest, and stone her to death.

When she faced the Lord, she was facing the ultimate judge!

She had reached a place in her life where it was just her and Jesus. It always comes down to that! Eventually, somewhere, someday you are going to have to face Jesus.

What you do with Him will determine where and how you spend eternity.

Not only did He face her but also:

B. He Forgave Her (vs. 11)

***John 8:11***

*<sup>11</sup> She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

The only One qualified to throw a stone refused to! Jesus dealt with here on the basis of compassion. The religious men had condemned and considered her as good as dead, Jesus however, saw someone worthy of His love and worth salvaging.

When she came to Jesus, she received 2 great blessings that forever changed her life. These same 2 blessings are the gift of God to all who receive Jesus as their Savior.

Note:

### 1. A New Lord

By her simple confession of Christ as Lord, salvation became hers.

### 2. A New Life

All of her life, she had been subject to the God of this world, Satan. She had been a prisoner of her own lusts and desires.

### ***Ephesians 2:1-3***

*<sup>1</sup> And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; <sup>2</sup> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: <sup>3</sup> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

Close:

Maybe. Like this woman, your life has been wrecked and ruined by sin.

Maybe you have been hurt by religious people.

Maybe you are looking for a compassionate Savior, One who will make everything right.

I want to invite you to come to Jesus. He cares about you just like you are.

He loves you and wants to save you.

He wants to deliver you from your bondage.

He wants to set you free.

He invites you to come to Him today.

If there are issues in your life that need to be settled, this altar is the place where they be taken care of forever.

Will you bring your life to Jesus and let Him make it over?