

SØN *of* MAN



John 8:1 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, 2 but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. 3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees (they weren't there for the teaching of Jesus because they taught religion, not relationship) brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. (Most likely a prostitute, she was brought alone and it's annotated this was habitual)

They put her in front of the crowd. (They brought her early in the morning, most likely after catching her the previous night and holding her captive, which would have had her fear and stress through the roof, humiliating her just to use against Jesus in an attempt to trap Him and in front of a crowd to humiliate her even further)

4 “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” (Jesus would be presumed to be in a tough position. If He clearly defies the Law of Moses, He would be arrested and it wasn’t His time, yet His message of Love & Forgiveness hung in the balance)

6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. (it was the 8th day of the festival, no one was even permitted to write unless it was in the dust, showing these religious leaders He is well aware of “The Law”)

7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. **(The Perfect Balance. Truth and Grace. He recognized she sinned, but He also recognized so has everyone else)**

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. **(Balance is the answer both for religion and the world)**

10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” 11 “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.” (the only perfect man to ever grace this earth was the only one “qualified” to stone her, yet He rescued her!!!)

Jesus condemned the sin,
not the sinner! - Bible

I. Jesus didn't come to judge you

John 3:17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

2. Jesus came to set you free

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.