

•1but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” 6This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.” John 8:1-11

☑ *The first time I worked out.*

•It's not easy to start. It's even harder to start again.

•You have to try with the memory of where your were, could do, looked like.

•This woman does not need a beginning. She is desperate for a New Beginning! But a life can become such a mess that the thought of starting again seems overwhelming.

☑ **THE VOICE OF THE ACCUSER**

•Condemnation—He pushes you into the center of the crowd and megaphones your sin: *Uses people to amplify his sound.*

•They take her. Hold her. Drag her up the stairs to the temple... She has been here before. She has brought sacrifices for her sin but now ***she will be sacrificed for her sin.***

☑ **Don't get me wrong she is guilty. But so are they.**

•We point the finger at someone's failure while disregarding our own.

•The judgement of people is always selective. The grace of God is not.

• **We only condemn the people who are weak where we are strong. we are better than.**

•You can be the advocate or the accuser...

•You, too, have heard the voice of the accuser of your soul. The battle is yours as much as it is hers.

☑ **Beware of the Trap.**

- Political Spirit, Religious Spirit, Kingdom Spirit*
 - Jesus revealed the father in everything he did and that's Kingdom. He wasn't embracing of sin but neither was he intimidated by it.
- If Jesus ***agreed***, lose his reputation for being loving.
- If Jesus ***forgives***, condoning adultery. (*Break law of Moses*)
- First, they are bending the law to build their trap.**
 - Leviticus 20:10- IF A MAN...*
- Don't we do this today? CURVE the Verse***
- BUT THE LAW! What do you SAY?**
- ☑ **Be careful when you tell God to SPEAK!**
 - The same finger that had written the Law back then was the finger that was writing on the ground now.***
 - Let the one who has no sin...***
 - What did he write? Later manuscripts: wrote sins of the accusers. Possibly ASHES.***

•**Be careful that your condemnation doesn't lead to your exposure.**

•***How many times have you had to climb the steps to sacrifice that you're now dragging someone up to be stoned?***

- **The only one who had no sin, had no stone!**
- If you ever want to punish a guilty person, don't throw him at the feet of Jesus.**
- He does not condemn, condone or CURVE.
- **The moment you think who know the Kingdom, God turns it all upside down.**

☑ **He stooped down.**

•***He stooped...Low enough to sleep in a manger, work in a carpentry shop, sleep in a fishing boat. Low enough to rub shoulders with crooks and lepers. Low enough to be spat upon, slapped, nailed, and speared. Low enough to be buried.***

- **The GOSPEL is HE STOOPED DOWN!**
- The Bible says, "And **AGAIN He stooped down** and wrote on the ground." Maybe the reason He stooped down again and started touching the dirt was to send a message to that woman, who felt so dirty.

•It's as if He was saying, "I don't mind getting my hands dirty to rescue you. When you can't get to Me, I'll stoop down. I'll touch dirty, messed-up, shameful, filthy lives with My nail-scarred hands. I'm not so high and holy that I can't get My hands dirty for you."

☑ ***Where are your accusers?***

•Oldest->Youngest

•Old- you have more time to accumulate...

•**I've noticed that it's incredibly hard to accuse someone of their sins when I have to look through the lens of my own.**

☑ ***And then He stood up.***

•Up from the slab of death. Upright in Joseph's tomb and right in Satan's face. Tall. High. He stood up for the woman and silenced her accusers, and he does the same for you. He stands up.

•*Why did Jesus ask her where her accusers were?*

•He didn't just give her forgiveness. He gave her back her dignity to hold her head up again.

•**She begins to walk purposefully down the very street she had been dragged through only minutes before.**

☑ ***Father-daughter moment***

• **We call her the "Woman Caught In Adultery". God calls her "DAUGHTER"**

☑ ***Standing at the place of sacrifice.***

• **Righteousness- Chinese Symbol- Lamb over Me.**

• **Christ came to fix your mess, give you a new beginning, and turn your life UPSIDE DOWN!**

•This woman is waiting for something more--something from Him. She knows her own weakness. She wants forgiveness, yes, but she needs more.

•**She needs release. She needs the power to live a new life.**

•***So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.***
John 8:36

•***Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5***

•***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17***

•***Do you trust your Advocate or your Accuser?***