

Big idea: We all come to Jesus the same way, guilty, condemned and exposed, and he covers us in his righteousness.

- I. Review: back where we started...John 8 and a textual problem
 - A. We're going to ACKNOWLEDGE it, not ignore it
 - B. We're not going to base any point of DOCTRINE on it
 - C. We'll see there is a LOGICAL flow to the story added here
 - D. We know the CHURCH loves this story, and the CULTURE does too

II. An evil conspiracy

- A. A morning like all the OTHERS vs. 1-6a
 1. To the Mt of Olives to most likely PRAY v. 1
 2. To the Temple court to TEACH v. 2
 3. To the Scribes and Pharisees trying to ENTRAP vs. 3-5
 - Familiar FOES
 - An indescribable EVIL
 - Caught HER
 - WITNESSES
 - SETUP
 - Gross abuse of the LAW

- The same PLAYBOOK v. 6a

B. Jesus, a man like NO OTHER vs. 6b-11

1. We want to know what Jesus WROTE v. 6b
2. We know what Jesus SAID v. 7
3. We REALLY want to know what Jesus wrote! v. 8
4. We know the RESPONSE of the men v. 9
5. We really need to be CLEAR about what Jesus said and meant vs. 10-11
 - Jesus is not saying everything is OK, sin is no BIG DEAL
 - Jesus is saying sin is a big deal but the CROSS is bigger still
 - Jesus is saying go and sin no more not because you fear STONING but because you've met God and been rescued by GRACE

III. What we take away...

This story is the message of the gospel. We're forgiven that we might be holy.