

**“The Woman Caught in Adultery- For Stoning or Grace?” 8/15/10**  
**John 8:1-11**

**Series- “Cultural and Geographical Faith Lessons From Israel”**

**Mishnah-** the traditional interpretation of the Law of Moses that was believed to be passed down in oral form from the time of Moses to the Pharisees of 1<sup>st</sup> century. It was written down in 200AD and forms the foundation of the Talmud. Jesus knew it very well.

**POINT 1-** The woman caught in adultery stands under the law CONDEMNED

- A. The condemnation of adultery in the law of Moses was crystal clear.  
(Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22)
- B. The condemnation of the woman put Jesus in a DILEMMA  
(John 18:31-no right to put people to death; He either follows Rome or Moses)

*“the guard (for there always lay in this tower a Roman legion) went several ways among the cloisters, with their weapons, on the Jewish festivals, in order to watch the people, that they might not there attempt to make any rebellions;”* (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, 5:244 )

*“If anyone wrote with liquids or with fruit-juice, or in the dust of the ground, or with anything that does not last, he is exempt from breaking the law”* (Mishnah, Shab 12:5)

**Going Deeper** God wants us to know that apart from Jesus we stand condemned!

*“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* Jn 3:18

**POINT 2-** The woman caught in adultery stands under Jesus in GRACE

- A. The grace of Jesus allows the woman to be given a chance to REPENT  
(Hos 6:6; Isaiah 42:3; 2 Witnesses needed- Deut 17:6-7; Jesus gets her free)

*“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”* (Matt 23:23)

**Going Deeper** God wants us to “Go and sin no more” and receive His grace!

**Going Deeper Application Points:**

- 1) Matthew 7:1-2- with the same measure you use, it will be used on you.
- 2) Are we quick to judge and condemn? Or are we looking to extend grace?
- 3) All people will one day be “alone” with Jesus to stand trial (v.9); Rom 14:10
- 4) The world uses us for its own ends, but Jesus wants to set us free (John 8:32)!
- 5) The woman needed someone to stand in the gap between her and the law
- 6) The story ends in a cliffhanger of whether she will repent... will you?

*“Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more”* (Romans 5:20)