

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 8 PT. 1: The Adulterous Woman

John 8:1-11

Review: Remember, at the end of Chapter 7, Jesus has now left the Temple where people could not make their mind up about who He was.



- Nicodemus was defending him and showing them just how hypocritical they were being.
- Nicodemus pointed out that the Law they hold to so dearly, they were breaking it by judging Jesus before hearing Him.
- When confronted, those very Religious Leaders turned on Nicodemus.
- After the Feast of Tabernacles ended everyone went to their homes.

Verses 1-2

John 8:1-2 (NASB) – “¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² And early in the morning He came again into the temple *area*, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and ***began teaching them.***”



Note: Jesus did not care what came up against Him, He always stayed on Mission. He is Teacher! Making Disciples is what He does. The multiplication of the Kingdom is His priority; He cannot and will not be distracted!

- Knowing His identity is what drove Him.
- Knowing that many had turned against Him, He was focused on the ones that would receive Him.
- Yeshua knew the Pharisees hearts, and it did not faze Him at all.

Verses 3-4

John 8:3-4 (NASB) – “³ Now the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught **in the act** of adultery, and **after placing her in the center of the courtyard**, ⁴ they said to Him, ‘Teacher, this woman has been caught in **the very act** of committing adultery.’”



Key: Isn't it amazing that the man was not brought to the center courtyard? Double-minded people will also have double standards.

Verse 5

John 8:5 (NASB) – “⁵ Now in the **Law, Moses commanded** us to stone such women; what then do You say?”

Impure Motives

- The Pharisees did not care at all about Jesus’ say on the matter.
- They only wanted to test Jesus to use whatever He said to accuse Him.
- They are leaning on the Law again, the Law that they themselves did not keep.

Question: What does the law say?

Leviticus 20:10 (NASB) – “¹⁰ ‘If *there is a man* who commits adultery with another man’s wife, one who commits adultery with his friend’s wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress** must be put to death.’”

Verse 6

John 8:6 (NASB) – “⁶ Now they were saying this to test Him, so that they might have *grounds for* accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.”



Note: No where in scripture does it say **what** Jesus wrote in the ground. So, we cannot add to the scripture. However, based on the law, **we** can say “Where is the man?”

Verse 7

John 8:7 (NASB) – “⁷ When they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up and said to them, ‘He who is without sin among you, let him *be the* first to throw a stone at her.’”



Important: The Wisdom of God makes the wisdom of humanity look so elementary.

- Their motive was to ensnare Jesus.
- His motive was to show mercy and bring sinners to repentance.
- Yeshua knew that everyone around Him needed to be saved from sin.
- There is no big sin or little sin: **only sin!**

Verse 8-9

John 8:8-9 (NASB) – “⁸ And again, He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ Now when they heard *this*, they *began* leaving, one by one, **beginning with the older ones**, and He was left alone, and the woman *where she* was, in the center of the courtyard.”

Note: The older would have been convicted quicker because they knew the law better.

Verse 10-11

John 8:10-11 (NASB) – “¹⁰ And straightening up, Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?’ ¹¹ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘I do not condemn you, either. Go. **From now on do not sin any longer.**’”



Key: Jesus saves us to be **free** from sin, **not** to continue in sin. **Never** see His Amazing Grace as a license to sin!

Romans 6:14-16 (NASB) – “¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under the Law but under grace? Far from it! ¹⁶ Do you not know that *the one* to whom you present yourselves *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of *that same one* whom you obey, **either of sin resulting in death**, or of **obedience resulting in righteousness?**”



Remember: Yeshua is teaching us all that you are a slave to whatever you obey!

The End