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John 8:2-11

The Woman Who Was Caught in the Act of Adultery

2 Early the next morning, Jesus went back to the temple courtyard. All the people were coming to him. He sat down and began teaching them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus. They had caught her committing adultery. They made her stand in the center. 4 They said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery! 5 In the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women to death. What do you say about her?" 6 (They were saying this to test Jesus. They wanted to get something which they could use to accuse him.)

Jesus bent down and wrote something on the ground with his finger. 7 They continued to ask Jesus questions. Jesus stood up and said to them, "The one among you who has not sinned should throw the first stone at her!" 8 Jesus bent down again and continued writing on the ground.

9 When they heard Jesus say this, they began to leave one by one, from the oldest on down. Jesus was the only one left. The woman was still standing there, too. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Is anyone condemning you?"

11 She answered, "No one, Lord."

Jesus said, "I am not condemning you, either. Go, and from now on, don't sin anymore!"