



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 8:1-11 (NAS)

“An Attempted Entrapment”

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- 1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
- 2 Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them.
- 3 The scribes and the Pharisees *brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court,
- 4 they *said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.
- 5 "Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?"
- 6 They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.
- 7 But 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."
- 8 Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.
- 9 When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court.
- 10 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 sin no more."

I. THE TWO SINFUL PARTIES INVOLVED

- A. The Woman Caught In Adultery
- B. The Hypocritical Accusers

II. THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES SETTING THEIR TRAP

- A. First They Had To Come Up With An Adulterer
 1. They had to meet the spirit of the law
 - a. The person had to be caught in the act
 - b. There had to be multiple witnesses
 2. They failed to bring the man caught in the sin

III. THE PURPOSE OF THE ACCUSERS

- A. To Test Jesus, So They Could Accuse Jesus
- B. They Did Not Have A Holy Regard For The Law

IV. JESUS WAS NOT CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THE ACTIONS

- A. Jesus First Wrote On The Ground
- B. He Brought The Accusers Under Conviction
- C. He Showed Grace To The Adulterous Woman

APPLICATION:

1. We Should Not Be Judgmental
2. We, Who Are Forgiven, Should Show Mercy
3. We Need To See And Care About The People Around Us