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John 8:1-11

I. Jesus is Meek with People (7:53-8:2)

Where He Stayed

Jesus did not have a home to go to

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Humility

Left heaven to come to earth – Philippians 2:6-7

No place to lay His head – Matthew 8:20

No family burial plot

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Gave Himself a ransom for many –

Matthew 20:28

Came not to be served, but to serve –

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He was in the treasury; the court of the women

II. Jesus is Masterful with Hypocrites (vv.3-9)

Their False Motives

Scribes

Copied the law on scrolls

Lawyers

Argued the meaning of the text

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Pharisees

Dominant religious influence

6000 at the time of Jesus

Controlled the religious atmosphere

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They are trying to trap him, ask the impossible
and unanswerable

Customary to "ask the rabbi"

Seventh commandment – Exodus 20:14

One of three "biggies"

(idolatry, murder, adultery)

Capital Punishment

Leviticus 20; Deuteronomy 22

Mishna describes stoning by strangulation

Wrote on the ground – **Jeremiah 17:13**

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Kategraphen - to write a record or an accusation

Kata - to make accusation

Grapho - to write

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Only Jesus has qualification to "throw a stone"

They reacted with deep conviction (the older
had more to remember)

III. Jesus is Merciful with Sinners (vv. 10-11)

He deals with her one on one
(personal relationship)

Addresses her as woman (restoring dignity)

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His Command

Not easy on sin (sin no more)

Called it sin, an offense against God

A true believer wouldn't presume on the grace of
God – Romans 6:1-2

Applying today's Messag

Notice how sinners treat sinners: brutally.

Notice how the Law treats sinners: sets the standard, but can't cleanse the soul. —

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Notice how Jesus treats sinners:

Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more

Romans 8:1

righteousness and mercy meet in Christ. He is
the substitutionary atonement for sin. —

2 Corinthians 5:21