

Gospel of John

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What happens in the midst of His teaching? **8:3; see Acts 4:7**

And what is their 'trap'? **8:3b-5; Lev.20:10; Deut.22:22, Lu.5:20; Mt.11:19**

What is one glaring and obvious detail that's missing in this episode? **Lev.20:10; Deut.22:22**

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What do you think is significant re '...beginning with the older ones...' who went away? **8:9**

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And her revealing answer? **8:11a; ICor.12:1-3**

And how is this confirmed? **8:11,21-24; Jn.3:16-18;1:17**

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Jesus, as before, sat down in the Temple and taught all the people who came to Him.

What happens in the midst of His teaching? 8:3; see Acts 4:7

The scribes/ Pharisees (Jewish spiritual leaders) brought a woman caught in adultery.

And what is their 'trap'? 8:3b-5; Lev.20:10; Deut.22:22, Lu.5:20; Mt.11:19

Putting her front and center, they tested Him. The Law demanded stoning. From Him?

What is one glaring and obvious detail that's missing in this episode? Lev.20:10; Deut.22:22

She was 'caught in the act', which requires a man also! Where is he? Was he part of it?

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Clearly a trap. Grace sets her free: Breaks the Mosaic Law. Stoning breaks His grace!

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He bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground! Sensing victory, kept asking!

What is Jesus' powerful response to their taunting? 8:7b; Rom.2:1-3, 21-25

Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her! Wrote again.

What do you think is significant re '...beginning with the older ones...' who went away? 8:9

Perhaps with age comes more measured reality? Deeper recognition of ones own sins?

When the crowd had all left, what's Jesus' question to the woman? 8:9-10

Where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you? (Note: there was a crowd...!)

And her revealing answer? 8:11a; ICor.12:1-3

'No one, Lord'! She, unlike her accusers, recognized Him as Lord! She got saved!

And how is this confirmed? 8:11,21-24; Jn.3:16-18;1:17

Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. From now on sin no more'! He is the real Judge!