

Woman Caught in Adultery

(Based on John 7:53 - 8:11)

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Early one morning Jesus went into the temple. Many people came to Jesus and he had them all sit down while he taught them.



Suddenly some phony Pharisees brought a woman and threw her into the middle of the people in front of Jesus. "Master," said one of the Pharisees. "This woman broke one of the 10 commandments. She was doing adultery!"



"She was in bed with a man and he wasn't her husband. And she was kissing him! We caught them doing it. We took her and brought her here."



"Now in Moses' law, he commanded that we should throw stones at this kind of person until they are dead," said the Pharisees. "Jesus what do you say?" They were testing Jesus. They wanted to see if Jesus would go against Moses' law.



But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger he started writing on the ground. "Hey, what's your answer?" pestered the Pharisees.



Jesus stood up and answered, "The one that has never done one single bad thing, he can be the one that throws the first stone at her."



And then Jesus stooped back down and continued writing on the ground with his finger.



One by one everyone left the room, first the old people and then the younger people until there was only Jesus and the woman standing in the middle where she was.



Then Jesus stood up again. "Where did everybody go? Did no one throw a rock at you?" "No one Lord," answered the woman. "I am not sending you to your death either. Go, but from now on don't do these bad things."



Lord, before I make a big deal about the bad deeds of other people, help me to remember that I have done some bad things before too.