

LESSON 8



Chapter 8:1-11

¹Jesus went to the *Mount of Olives*. ²Early in the morning he went back to the Temple area. The people all came to him, and he sat and taught them.

³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman they had caught in bed with a man who was not her husband. They forced her to stand in front of the people. ⁴They said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of *adultery*. ⁵The law of *Moses* commands us to stone to death any such woman. What do you say we should do?"

⁶They were saying this to trick Jesus. They wanted to catch him saying something wrong so that they could have a charge against him. But Jesus stooped down and started writing on the ground with his finger. ⁷The Jewish leaders continued to ask him their question. So he stood up and said, "Anyone here who has never sinned should throw the first stone at her." ⁸Then Jesus stooped down again and wrote on the ground.

⁹When they heard this, they began to leave one by one. The older men left first, and then the others. Jesus was left alone with the woman standing there in front of him. ¹⁰He looked up again and said to her, "Where did they all go? Did no one judge you guilty?"

¹¹She answered, "No one, sir."

Then Jesus said, "I don't judge you either. You can go now, but don't sin again."

NEW WORDS:

charge

trick

sinned

guilty

LET'S PRACTICE!

The Jews brought a woman who had been caught in _____ to stand before Jesus.

Why did they ask Jesus, "What do you say we should do?"

"Anyone here who has _____ should throw the first stone at her."

Why do the people all leave her alone?

How does Jesus treat the woman in this story?