

Before and After

Matthew 12:20 (NIV)

20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, . . .

Part 3

“The Miracle of God’s Forgiveness!”

John 8:1-11 (NIV)

1. The Accusation of the Scribes and Pharisees.

- **She was caught in her sin.** (vs. 4)

⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

Leviticus 20:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ " If a man commits adultery with another man's wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.

Numbers 32:23 (NIV)

²³ . . . and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.

- **She was condemned by her sin.** (vs. 5)

⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

John 3:18 (NIV)

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

2. The Examination of the Savior.

- **Jesus examined them by His writings.** (vs.6)

⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

John 3:17 (NIV)

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- **Jesus examines them by His words.** (vs. 7)

⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

Romans 2:1 (NIV)

¹You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

3. The Liberation of the Sinner.

¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

John 8:7 (NIV)

⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

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