

# **“Do Not Judge”**

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In the eighth chapter of John, we have the story of a woman who was brought to Jesus of whom it was said was taken in the act of adultery. To tempt Jesus into forsaking the law of Moses, they asked, “They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?” (John 8:4-5).

This story has been used in this present time to contend that we must not judge anyone, even one who is guilty of adultery. Jesus didn’t answer them at first which might be telling us not to be too hasty in jumping to conclusions. After a little while, he made the statement, “... He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her” (John 8:7).

According to the law, there had to be two accusers. Their conscience condemned them, and one by one they all walked away, till there was none left.

Jesus then told the woman, “Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more” (John 8:10-11).

Jesus was acting in harmony with the law. Their law said that there must be two witnesses. His only knowledge of the incident was hearsay. There were no witnesses. According to the law, she was free to go! The Lord said “go” but further warned her: “sin no more.” He realized that she was guilty, but He had no witnesses, so He recognized her sin and admonished her: “sin no more.”

What a loving God we serve!

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