

## MESSAGE NOTES




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**Series:** Drop the Rock  
**Message:** The Day the Rocks Dropped  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
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<sup>1</sup> “Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, <sup>2</sup> but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

<sup>4</sup> “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

<sup>6</sup> They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. <sup>7</sup> They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”  
<sup>8</sup> Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

<sup>9</sup> When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn

you?” <sup>11</sup> “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”  
 John 8:1–11 (NLT)

It is very easy to be right and wrong at the same time.

Spiritual maturity is best measured not by knowledge, tenure, or position but by humility.

“No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8 (NLT)

Self-righteousness blinds us to what God sees and calls us to.

“People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.”

Proverbs 21:2 (NLT)

“False weights and unequal measures— the Lord detests double standards of every kind.”  
 Proverbs 20:10 (NLT)

In this encounter, Jesus puts everyone in their place... where they went from there was up to them.

## TAKE HOME SHEET



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It is really easy to read the passage from John 8 and see the self-righteousness of the accusers. Too easy. Take some time to read the passage, and as you do, replace the woman with someone you do not care for or respect. It could be someone you have read about in the news, or someone who represents things you disagree with, or even someone who has mistreated you. It's easy to want to pick up a rock, isn't it?

What circumstances have influenced your judgment and the other person's behavior and attitudes? Now, step back and ask what Jesus sees as he looks on.

As you think, ask God to help you to use the lens of Micah 6:8, "...the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

How does this impact your point of view?

Have you been in the woman's place, being judged and rejected by others without any interest in you as a person? What does it feel like to be merely a caricature or statistic? Even if you have done something wrong, how would being respected look?

Review the message notes, and as you go through the week and are exposed to news and stories, evaluate your thinking and judgments. How might Jesus respond?

*<sup>14</sup> "Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."*

Ephesians 4:14–15 (NLT)

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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT— New Living Translation