



FAITH BASICS

Lesson 5 Throwing Stones



Jesus had spent the night resting on the Mount of Olives. But in the morning, when he went to the temple to teach the people there, a bunch of religious acting



people brought to him a woman who had been doing something very bad. They claimed that their law said they were supposed to hit her with stones until she died! That would be terrible!! What they really wanted to do was to make Jesus agree with them so all his teaching about ‘love’ would seem foolish. But Jesus just wrote on the ground with a stick and said nothing.

Well that made them angry. Finally Jesus looked up and said, “He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her!” (John 8:7) And again he just wrote on the ground. He may have been writing things like, “Some of you have lied”, “Some of you have stolen”, “Some of you get angry for no good reason”, because after a short time the men began dropping their stones and walking away until none were left!

Now Jesus said to the woman, “Where are your accusers?” She looked up, saw that all had left, and could only say, “No man Lord.” Jesus must have smiled as he said, “So neither do I - go and sin no more.”



Romans 3:23 says that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” That’s you and me, too!! Later, in this same book, Paul says that we must be careful not to think “more highly” of our own self than we “ought to think.” [12:3] A good way to do this is to think about the word “Christian” in this way:

Without “Christ” **Christ - I am** “I Am Nothing”

This will help us to not judge others or to think badly of them. Keep this important verse always in your heart which ends with “even as God, for Christ’s sake, hath done for you”:



“Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another” (Ephesians 4:32)