

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS
Red Letter Challenge – Part 3
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I. THE TRAP FOR JESUS

“But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?’”

John 8:1-5 (NIV)

“If a man is found sleeping with another man’s wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel.”

Deuteronomy 22:22 (NIV)

“They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.”

John 8:6 (NIV)

II. JESUS’ REFUSES TO TAKE THE BAIT

“Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.”

John 8:6 (NIV)

III. JESUS TURNS THE TABLES

“When they kept on questioning him he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.’”

John 8:7-8 (NIV)

“...those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.”

John 8:9 (NIV)

III. JESUS REFRAMES THE CONVERSATION

“Jesus straightened up and asked her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she said. ‘Then neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’”

John 8:10-11 (NIV)

IV. JESUS OFFERS GRACE IN PLACE OF CONDEMNATION

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 (NIV)

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

John 3:17 (NIV)

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”

1 John 2:1 (NIV)

“(God) is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)