

REVOLUTIONARY LOVE

*"Neither do I condemn you... Go now and leave your life of sin."
John 8:11*

Review:

- Jesus commanded us to "love one another as I have loved you." His love for us is revolutionary in that, when practiced, it affects fundamental change in society.
- Revolutionary love – the kind of love Jesus has for us – speaks the truth in a context of love.
- This morning we will examine yet another scene from Jesus' life that reveals the kind of love He wants us to be known for. It's the story of Jesus loving the woman caught in adultery.

1. The Scribes and Pharisees

- They don't like Jesus. They are threatened by and jealous of Him. They want to see His demise, so they devised a plan to discredit His teaching by setting Him up with a "legal" question.
- They don't like Jesus...but they don't give a rip about the woman whose life they use as worthless bait to trap Jesus.

2. The Woman

- She enters Jesus' presence as a _____.

Her Sin: _____

- Exodus 20:14
- Matthew 5:27
- I Corinthians 6:9-10
- Hebrews 13:4

Her Shame: _____

Her Sentence: _____

- Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 17:17; Deuteronomy 22:22

3. Jesus' Response

...to the Crowd

- He _____ them
"If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." (v. 7)

- He _____ them
Those who heard began to go away one at a time...until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. (v.9)

So the lesson of this story is that we all need to drop our rocks. Right?

Jesus' Response

...to the Woman

- He _____ her
...only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her... (v. 9,10)

She had reached a place in her life where it was just her and Jesus. It always comes down to that! Eventually, somewhere, someday you are going to have to face Jesus. Eventually, somewhere, someday you are going to have to bow to Jesus!

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- He _____ her
"Neither do I condemn you...Go now and leave your life of sin." (v.11)

- She left Jesus' presence a _____!

A Few Practical Words For Us:

1. The ground is always level in _____.
2. Confronting wrong calls for _____, not pride.
3. Correcting wrong starts with _____, not rebuke.