

THE CHARACTERS

1. There were those whose faces were cruel and hard.
The Pharisees.
2. There was the face of "EXHIBIT A" the soiled rag of womanhood brought low by sin.
3. There was the face of Jesus...strong and tender.

THE WOMAN

1. She was not only guilty, she had been caught in the act of shame. **FALSE STANDARD:** Not so bad to be guilty, but to be caught is awful. *She found that it was not the closing in of night, but the dawning of a new day.*

THE PHARISEES

1. They were the keepers of the law and religious leaders of their day.
2. They did not care about the woman, much less her sin, but simply used her to embarrass Jesus.

THEIR INDIFFERENCE TO THE WOMAN

1. They were as hard as nails...and cold as icicles.
2. They did not involve her in this humiliating situation because they were indignant at her sin.
3. It was not because they were seeking by her punishment to build a cleaner and better community.
4. They were not ~~seeking~~ ^{seeking} by bringing her to Jesus to do her ~~any~~ real good.

STONE HER OR NOT STONE HER *Rev. 20:10; Deaf. 22:22*

1. Jesus knew what the law was and he knew they knew.
2. Jesus gave no immediate answer...but stooped and wrote on the ground. Their continued inquiry.
3. Jesus wrote on the ground the second time.

WHY DID JESUS WRITE ON THE GROUND...WHAT DID HE WRITE?

1. He may have been ashamed of these religious leaders.
2. Maybe he was trying to spare this unfortunate woman.

TWO TYPES OF SIN SHOW UP HERE

1. Sins of the flesh. This was her sin.
2. Sins of disposition. Their sin. Elder Son: Luk 15:11
3. Throwing stones with our hands or our tongues never in order. Congratulate our selves for speaking mind.

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