



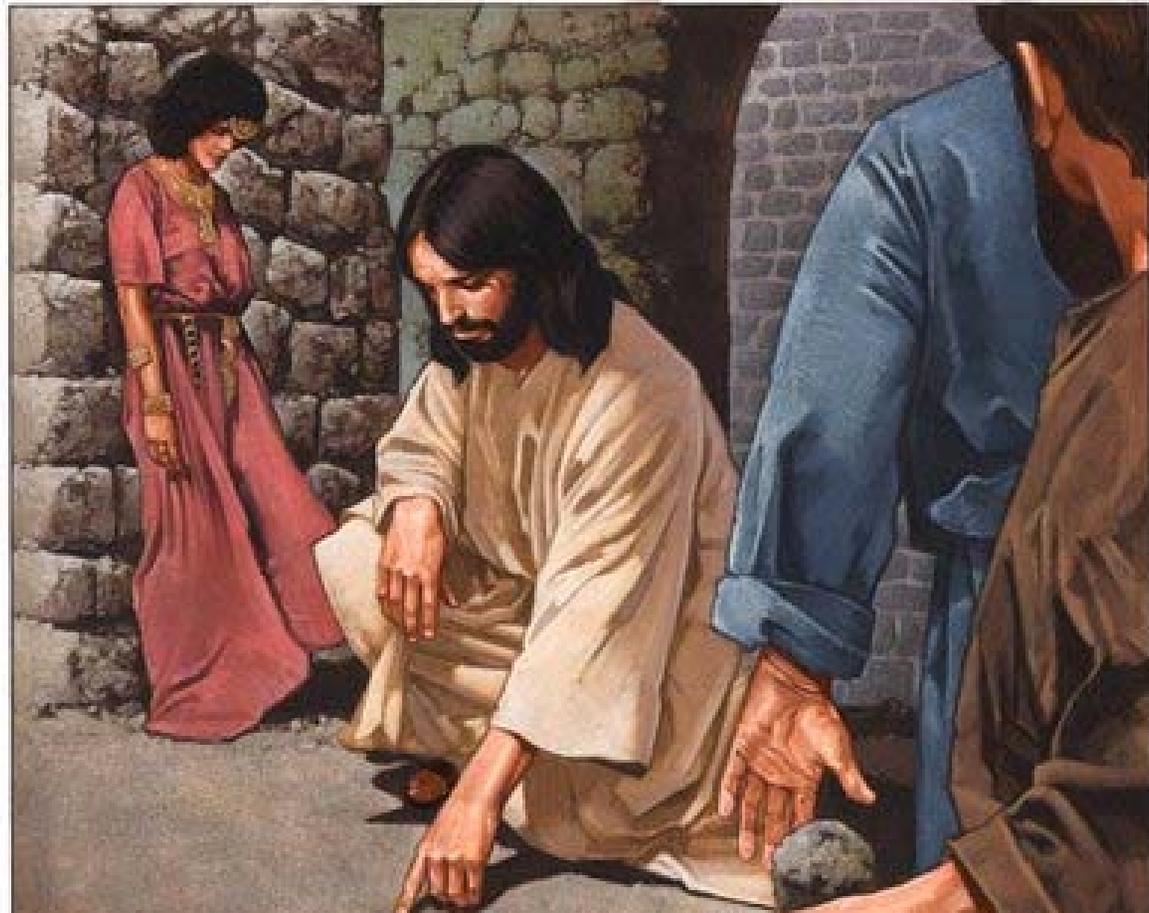
ישוע הנביא

The Life and Teachings
of
Jesus the Messiah

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Law and Grace





Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says **Yehovah** , “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am **Yehovah** who exercises **lovingkindness**, **justice** and **righteousness** on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares **Yehovah**.

John 2

²³ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, *many believed in His name, observing His signs* which He was doing.

²⁴ But *Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,* ²⁵ and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for *He Himself knew what was in man.*

John 8

[John 7] ⁵³ Everyone went to his home.

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and **He sat down** and *began* to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees **brought a woman** caught in adultery, and having set her in the center *of the court,*

John 8

⁴ they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?” ⁶ They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But **Jesus stooped down** and with His finger wrote on the ground.

John 8

⁷ But when they persisted in asking Him, **He straightened up**, and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him *be the first* to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again **He stooped down** and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they *began* to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center *of the court*.

John 8

¹⁰ **Straightening up**, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”

Psalm 85

¹⁰ *Mercy* and *truth* have met together;
Righteousness and *peace*
have kissed each other.

¹¹ *Truth* springs from the earth,
And *righteousness* looks down from heaven.

Psalm 119

⁹³ I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me **life**....

¹⁰⁹ My **life** *is* continually in my hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law....

¹²⁴ Deal with Your servant
according to Your **mercy**,
And teach me Your statutes.

1 Timothy 1

⁸ But we know that the Law is good,
if one uses it lawfully,

John 8

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Mount of Olives

- Had no “home” to go to on this earth

Matthew 8:20

The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.

- Probably spent the night communing with His Father

Luke 6:12

It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

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Simchat Torah

- Despite the business of the last 8 days, Jesus returns again to His Father's house to fulfill His ministry
- Sat: Position of humility
- Teach: would have been teaching from the Torah on the day they celebrated the Torah!

John 8

³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center *of the court*, ⁴ they said to Him, “**Rabbi**, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.

Open & Shut Case

- Scribes: experts in interpreting the law
- Pharisees: Strict adherents to the law
- Rabbi: False reverence for Him and His knowledge
- In the very act: what more proof could you need?
- Where's the man?

John 8

⁵ Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?"

⁶ They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him

Misapplying the Law

- Law of Moses: Only a false teacher would release her
- Law of Rome: No authority for capital punishment
- Jesus was not a member of the Sanhedrin (religious court where the case should have been heard) so she should not have been brought to him.
- Goal: destroy Jesus, not stone the woman
- Proper application of the law will free her!

Leviticus 20

¹⁰ 'If *there is* a **man** who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the ***adulterer and the adulteress*** shall surely be put to death.

Real Issue:

- Trapping Jesus, not enforcing God's law
- Jesus had raised the standard for adultery

Matthew 5:27-28

"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; ²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

John 8

But **Jesus stooped down** and with His **finger** wrote on the ground.

What Did He Write?

- No one knows - ask in heaven!

Jeremiah 17:13

O **Yehovah**, the hope of Israel,
All who forsake You will be put to shame.

Those who turn away on earth will be written down,
Because they have **forsaken the fountain of living water**,
even **Yehovah**.

- Rejected Him the previous day – Shimini atzeret

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They Persisted:

- Would not leave without an answer
- Without sin: not in their lives but IN THIS MATTER!
- Woman may have been a well known adulteress which justified (in their minds) them bringing her.
- The law saves her!

Deuteronomy 17

⁶ On the evidence of **two witnesses or three witnesses**, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

Deuteronomy 17

⁶ On the evidence of **two witnesses or three witnesses**, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. ⁷ *The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death*, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall **purge the evil** from your midst.

Deuteronomy 19

¹⁵ “A **single witness** shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of *two or three witnesses* a matter shall be confirmed.

Deuteronomy 19

¹⁶ If a *malicious witness* rises up against a man to accuse him of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both the men who have the dispute shall *stand before Yehovah*, before the priests and the judges who will be *in office* in those days.

Deuteronomy 19

¹⁸ The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness *and* he has accused his brother falsely, ¹⁹ then *you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother.* Thus you shall **purge the evil** from among you.

Deuteronomy 19

²⁰ The **rest will hear and be afraid**, and will never again do such an evil thing among you. ²¹ Thus you **shall not show pity**: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

John 8

⁹ When they heard it, they *began to go out* one by one, *beginning with the older ones*, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center *of the court*.

They Left:

- They stood before the Lord (Deuteronomy 19:16) and realized they had sinned against the woman
- They did not want to bear false witness and receive the punishment of a malicious witness
- Older men lead by example



SILENCE IN THE FACE OF EVIL IS ITSELF EVIL:
GOD WILL NOT HOLD US GUILTLSS.
NOT TO SPEAK IS TO SPEAK.
NOT TO ACT IS TO ACT.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER
1906 - 1945

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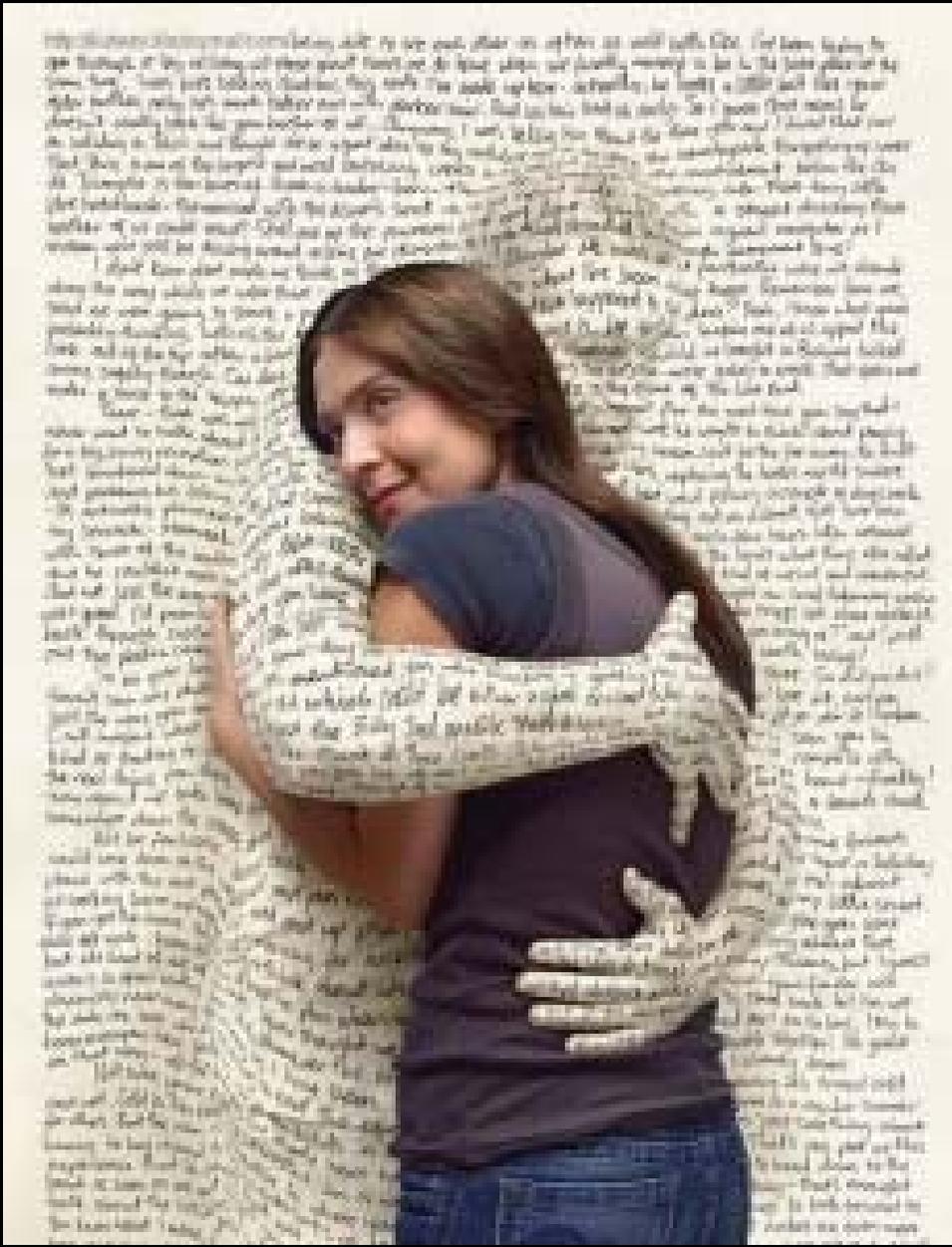
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Sin No More:

- Jesus knew her as He had known her accusers
- Forgiveness not a license to sin

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?



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John 8:11

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