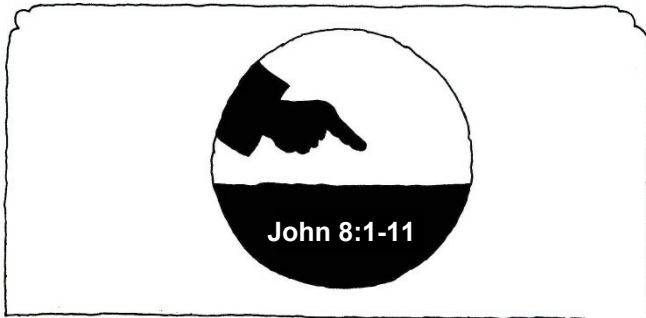


JESUS wrote in the dust

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The important teachers from the Temple were always trying to find ways to get rid of Jesus because they were jealous of all the people who listened to and followed Him.



The Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had done something very wrong to Jesus to judge, but they were really trying to get Jesus into trouble.



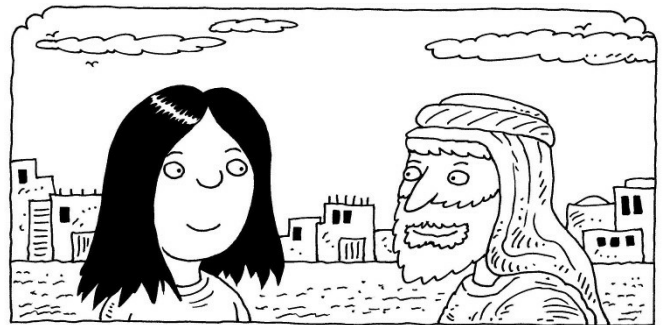
They wanted to stone the woman to death. She felt ashamed and frightened. She knew she had broken one of God's Commandments and that she would be punished.



Jesus bent down and wrote in the dust with his finger. He said, "Anyone who has NEVER broken God's Laws should be the one to judge her." Then He carried on writing.



Every single person began to feel guilty about things THEY had done. No one at all is perfect. One by one they left. There was no one left at all to condemn, or judge the woman.



Jesus stood up and asked the woman, "Where are the people who judge you?" She replied, "No one is left to judge me, Lord." Then Jesus said, "Then neither do I."



"Go home and don't behave like that again." Forgiven and free the woman went on her way with her heart full of joy and hope. Jesus had saved her and given her a new life.



John, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote about this true story in the Bible. It teaches us not to criticize and judge other people because we are not perfect ourselves.