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## John 8 - Part I

Read John 8:1-11:

1. What may have been part of the trap in which the Pharisees attempted to entangle Jesus? Lv 20:10; Dt 22:22-24

{Commentaries offer suggestions pertaining to the differences in Jewish & Roman law & the idea that, under Roman rule the Jews did not have authority to put anyone to death. However, by comparing Moses law to what the Jews actually did, makes it appear that it was also a test of Jesus' knowledge of the law. The Pharisees did not recognize nor accept that Jesus emphasized the spiritual law, rather than the letter - Mt 5:27-30}

2. Verses 7-9: In general, what might have these men been thinking that caused them to walk away?

{Many speculate that when Jesus wrote on the ground (dust of the temple floor), he was writing out the sins of the woman's accusers. There is nothing to indicate that Jesus wrote anything. He may have just been doodling. I am more inclined to think that by giving them time to think, guilt for past sins rose in their hearts, and fear that Jesus might expose these sins, caused them to walk away.}

2a. Spiritually speaking, what is illustration that can be seen by Jesus writing on the ground with his finger?  
Cp Lk 11:20 to Mt 12:28 (what is spirit? - Jn 6:63); see also 2Cor 3:3; Jer 31:33

3. What principle was Jesus demonstrating when he told the woman, *Neither do I condemn you*?  
Pr 10:12; 1Pt 4:8

Lesson: In this story is a principle toward all mankind, as we all are guilty of spiritual adultery toward God. (Cf Jer 3:6-11) Just as Jesus told the woman, *neither do I condemn you*; and he added *Go now and leave your life of sin* (NIV), God never leaves nor forsakes us (Heb 13:5), and encourages us to leave the life of sin. *Above all, continue to love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins* (1Pt 4:8, ISV).