JESUS CONFRONTS HYPOCRISY (John 7:53 – 8:11)

- I. His HUMILITY (John 7:53 8:2)
 - A. He SPENT THE NIGHT on the Mount of Olives
 - B. He entered the TEMPLE early
 - C. "All the people were COMING to HIM"
 - D. He SAT DOWN and TAUGHT them
- II. His WISDOM (John 8:3-8)
 - A. His TEACHING was DISRUPTED
- A group of scribes and Pharisees BROUGHT a woman they'd CAUGHT
 the act of ADULTERY
 - 2. They SET her in the CENTER
 - 3. They told Jesus of her SIN
 - B. His INTEGRITY was CHALLENGED
 - 1. They stated the LEGAL sentence of STONING (cf. Lev. 20:10)
 - 2. They asked, "What then do YOU SAY?"
 - 3. If He counseled RELEASING her, they'd charge Him before the people for RENOUNCING the LAW
 - 4. If He endorsed STONING her, they'd charge Him before Rome for inciting an unauthorized PUBLIC EXECUTION
 - C. His WISDOM was DISPLAYED

- 1. He first WROTE something on the GROUND
- 2. He did not deny the JUSTICE of her SENTENCE
- 3. He placed RESPONSIBILITY for her execution on the INNOCENT
- III. His INDICTMENT (John 8:9*a*)
 - A. He UNMASKED their hypocrisy
 - 1. He'd turned the ACCUSERS into the ACCUSED
 - 2. He'd turned the HUMILIATORS into the ASHAMED
 - B. They began to FILE OUT, leaving the woman behind
- IV. His MERCY (John 8:9*b*-11)
 - A. With no ACCUSERS, there was no CASE
 - B. Jesus charged her to REPENT and DISMISSED her