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GO SIN NO MORE ??

People who care little about the Bible seem to know about John 8:1-11 and the woman caught in adultery. Except they think it ends with "*go and sin some more.*" Jesus never said that. But what did He say?

His adversaries ambushed Jesus with a woman "caught in the act of adultery" and asked His legal opinion. Jewish Law said death by stoning. If He agreed, they would report Him to Roman authorities who alone could carry out capital punishment. If He said no, they would report Him to the Jewish high council to condemn Him for heresy. Both options foreshadow His own pending death. What would Jesus do?

But there are other dilemmas here. Where is the adulterous man? In Old Testament law, he is also guilty. What do you think of the hypocritical "holiness" of so-called religious leaders who would set such a trap? Does it remind you of Islamic Sharia law where women are killed for such sins but men are not? Recent news reported how Muslim officials put to death a girl -- for the deeds of her brothers.

What would YOU do if caught in the trap set for Jesus? You already ARE asked this question about similar sins. Discipleship is a dangerous calling. Do homosexuals have a "right" to "marry"? Should those who disagree be forced to participate in so-called "same-sex marriage"? Should people who disagree attend such a ceremony? How can abortion or fetal tissue trafficking be condoned? Why should Planned Parenthood receive one penny of taxpayer funds? Why should your conscience bow to theirs?

Homosexuality is a headline-grabbing dilemma of our day -- perhaps because Christians have been too silent on the overall issue of sexual immorality which pervades our culture. Christians must lovingly affirm what the Bible teaches. God wonderfully and immutably creates each human person as biologically male (man) or female (woman). These two distinct complementary sexes or genders together reflect the image and nature of God. As ordained by God, marriage unites one adult man and one adult woman in a single exclusive and sacred 'one-flesh' lifetime union in covenant with God, as the procreative formation of family and foundation of civilization. Marriage mirrors the holy relationship of Christ and His church.

God designed and commands sexual intimacy only for marriage. Temptation is not sin. You sin when you give in, either actions or thoughts. Scripture says sexual immorality sins against your own body, because you are created in God's image, and are to be holy like Him. This includes all forms of sex outside of heterosexual marriage, including adultery, bestiality, bisexuality, fornication, incest, pederasty, polyamory, polygamy, pornography, etc. The Bible explicitly explains homosexual behavior as particularly contrary to nature in such a way as to be inherently perverse. Even if you erroneously believe people are born that way, only someone with an aberrant agenda tries to twist Scripture to somehow excuse any sin.

So what will Jesus do? He wrote something on the ground. Perhaps one of the commandments written by the finger of God on tablets of stone. Perhaps names of the accusers, and their own sins. According to Jewish law, the accusers had to be the first ones to cast the stones. Jesus won't be part of their hypocrisy. Then He said, "***Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.***"

One by one, beginning with older wiser ones, they dropped their stones and went away. Note that only Jesus is "*Him who is without sin.*" Only Jesus has the moral authority to judge. But His first coming was to pay the penalty for sin. He will judge sin at His second coming. And Christians do not condemn people, because the Bible says you condemn yourself -- by your own thoughts, words and deeds. And if you are forgiven in Christ, you do not judge hypocritically. But you are to discern sin. And one duty of a true disciple is to help bring others to repentance and faith in Jesus -- by telling others the good news.

Have you dropped your stones and knelt before Jesus, to receive His forgiveness? The whole point of Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the dead is to set people FREE from natural bondage to sin and self -- to now live for Jesus, according to God's Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus, you can be set FREE -- able to say NO to sin. Even sexual sin. That's the good news you have to share!

Jesus said to the woman, "***Go, and from now on, sin no more.***" He did not excuse nor condone sin. His legal opinion is written in Romans 6:15-23: "*The wages of sin is death, but the freely given gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" In Christ, you are set free from those things you are now ashamed of and once were enslaved to. ***FREE to go, sin no more -- and tell others the good news!***