

If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord... if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. Deuteronomy 19:16–19 (ESV)

It was a set up!

1. How do you catch a woman in the act of adultery unless you know it will happen.
2. If they wanted justice, they would take her to the Sanhedrin.
3. The guy is missing!

Jesus doesn't ignore sin, he dies for sin.

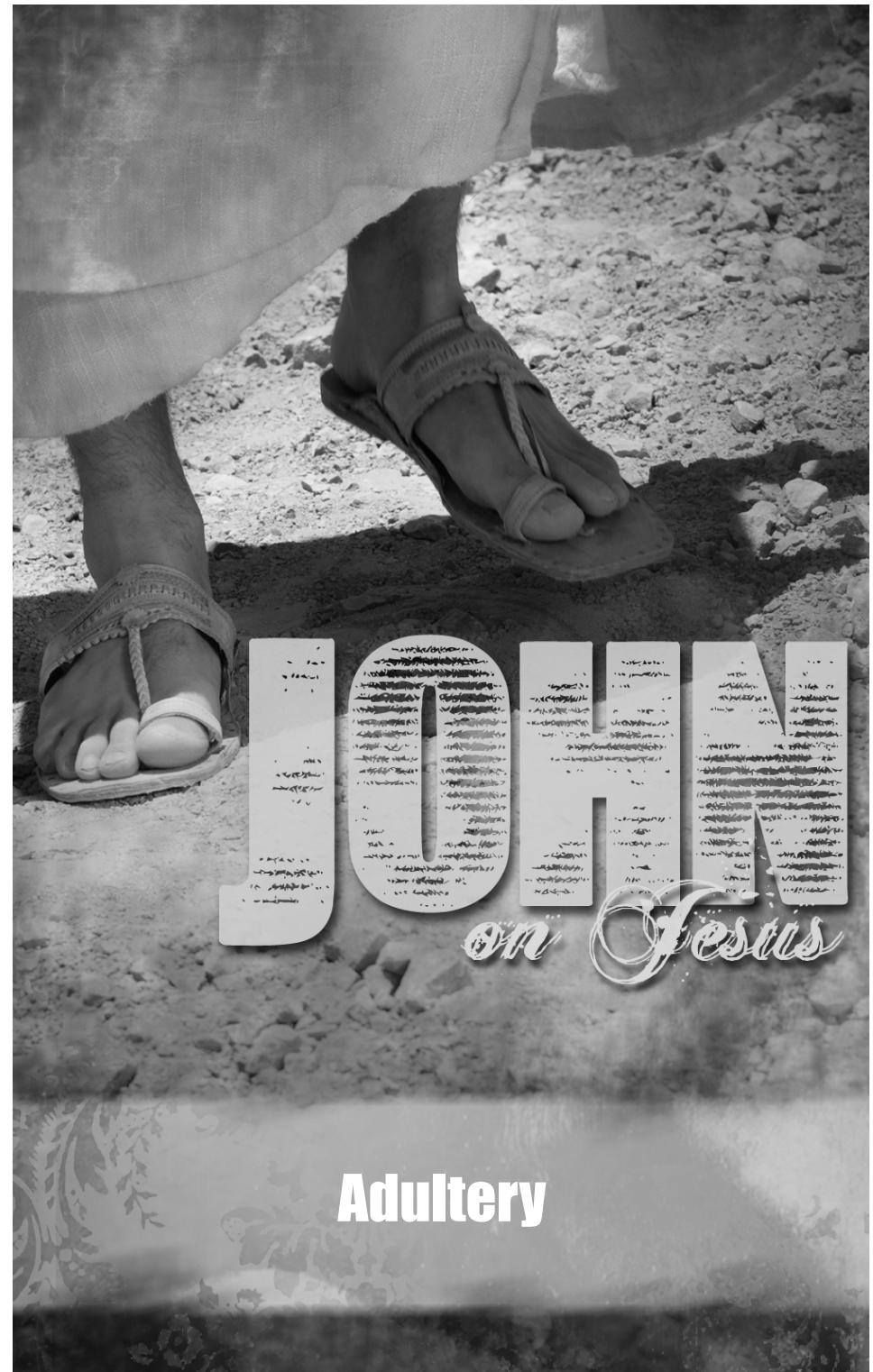
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17 (ESV)

Jesus didn't come to condemn your sin, he came to die for your sin.

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October 21 - **Serving Sunday**
October 28 - John 8:12-30 - The Light of the World



Faith Church - EFCA

October 14, 2012

John 7:53 - 8:11

What does it mean when the earliest witnesses don't have this text?

[[They went each to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."]] John 7:53–8:11 (ESV)

Background - The Biblical View of adultery

Premarital sex is a form of adultery.

Unless a man and woman are married, any form of sexual activity outside of marriage is sin and is a type of adultery. You can just as easily cheat on your spouse by giving away your body to somebody else before your wedding night as you can by giving away your body to somebody else after your wedding night. Your body is not your own. (1 Corinthians 7)

The Story - Catching Jesus on the Horns of a Dilemma

If I am contributing towards sin, I am guilty of sin.

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you." 1 Corinthians 5:9–13 (ESV)