

# Pointing the Finger

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One day, Jesus went into the temple, and all the people came to him; and he sat down and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought to him a woman taken in adultery.

They said to him, “...*Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.*” Then, they began to quote the law of Moses as to the punishment of her sin. Then, they said to Jesus, “...*what sayest thou?*” But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger, as if he heard them not.

Finally, after they continued asking him, he looked up and “...*said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*”

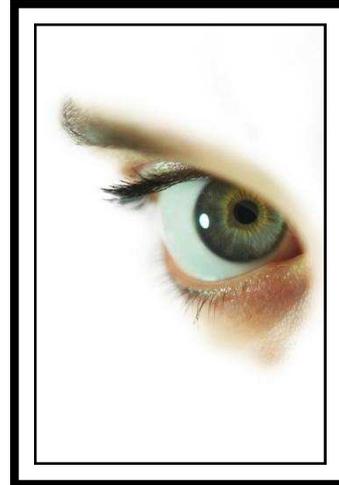
The hardest thing for **MAN** to admit to, is his **own** sinful nature in the mirror of God’s word. Instead, he finds fault and condemns the other.

We judge each other based on race, wealth, education, talents, speech, and so forth. The list is endless!

But when it comes to our very nature, we are **ALL** equals before God! God said that “...*there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.*” (Eccles. 7:20).

These words include **YOU** and **ME**. They include any person that you or I may “idolize” including pastors, teachers and popes.

But, God said “*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way*” (Isaiah 53:6). “...*for all have sinned*” (Romans 3:23).



Jesus looked up, and all the accusers, convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one. If these men indeed caught the woman “...*in the very act*, then **WHERE WAS THE MAN?**

Moses’ law demanded that **BOTH** should be stoned (Lev 20:10). These wicked men, in their pursuit to condemn this woman, disregarded the letter of the law.

Sinners are quick to condemn others, but refuse to *repent to God* for their **own** sins. Jesus said to the woman, “...*where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more*” (John 8:1-11).

Both **believers** and **unbelievers** are **sinners**. The difference is that the believer **confesses** his. “*If we (believers) say that we have not sinned, we make him (God) a liar, and his word is not in us*” (1 John 1:10).