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**"JESUS & THE WOMAN
TAKEN IN ADULTERY"**

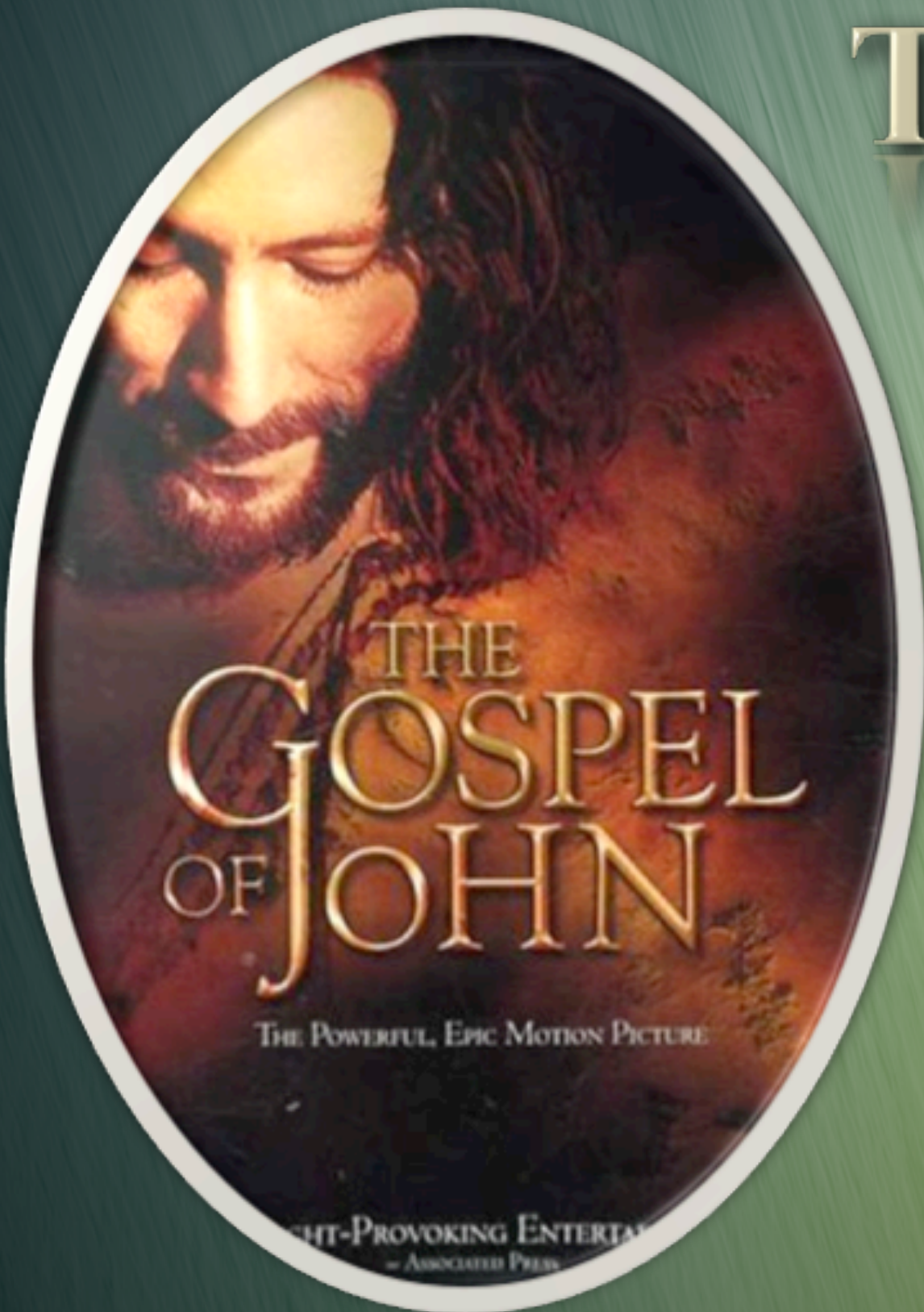
(JOHN 8:1-11)

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CHAPTER 8 OVERVIEW



- ◆ Woman taken in adultery, vv. 1–11.
- ◆ Jesus declares himself the light of the world, v. 12.
- ◆ The Pharisees cavil, v. 13.
- ◆ Jesus answers, and shows his authority, vv. 14–20.
- ◆ He convicts them of sin, vv. 21–24.
- ◆ They question him; he answers, foretelling his death, vv. 25–29.
- ◆ Many believe on him, v. 30–32.

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- ◆ The Jews argue the nobility and advantages of their birth, v. 33.
- ◆ Jesus shows the vanity of their pretensions, and the wickedness of their hearts, vv. 34–47.
- ◆ They blaspheme, and Christ convicts and reproves them, and asserting His Divine nature, vv. 48–58.
- ◆ They attempt to stone him, v. 59.

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TEXTUAL CRITICISM



- ◆ Evidence for 7:53–8:11 being originally a part of this section of John is lacking.
- ◆ There is evidence that it existed in this place prior to the 4th Century, yet no Mss this early contains it.
- ◆ This text appears at the end of John in some Mss, and in one it appears in Luke.
- ◆ The consensus is that it is a true account but it's placement is questioned.

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John 8:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. ³ Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, ⁴ they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

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⁶ This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear. ⁷ So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." ⁸ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

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⁹ Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

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JESUS TEACHING THE PEOPLE IN THE TEMPLE – 8:1,2



- ◆ Jesus is teaching in the temple courts & the “all the people” gathered to hear Him. (8:1,2; cf. Luke 21:37,38)
- ◆ Jesus sitting to teach is found often – Mat 5:1; 23:2; Mark 9:35)
- ◆ The Scribes & Pharisees interrupt Him . . .

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- ◆ Scribes & Pharisees set a woman before Jesus That had been caught in the act of adultery – 8:3,4
- ◆ They inform Jesus of what the Law demanded be done – 8:5; Lev 20:10, Deut 22:22.
- ◆ We are informed of their true motives "testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him." – 8:6

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- ◆ They attempted to place Jesus between a rock & a hard place, against the Romans or against the Law.
- ◆ Where was the man? – Lev 20:10, Deut 22:22
- ◆ Why were they not taken to the proper authorities?
- ◆ Must have at least two witnesses & they were to cast the first stones – Deut 13:9ff

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- ◆ What did Jesus write – 8:6b
- ◆ Their persistence – 8:7
- ◆ Jesus raised up & said "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first" – 8:7; Deut 17:7
- ◆ Jesus was striking at precisely the same point that Paul drove home to hard-hearted, hypocritical Jews in Rome – (Romans 2:1,22)

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- ◆ Again He stooped down to write – 8:8. He would have no part of their game – if they were going to act contrary to Rome, or if they were going to unlawfully put her to death – they would be accountable.
- ◆ They depart, “being convicted by their conscience,” leaving the woman there alone with Jesus – 8:9

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John 8:10 (NKJV)

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- ◆ Since the witnesses & accusers left, the legal case against the woman was dropped – 8:10,11
- ◆ Jesus' words again reveal Him as the Master Teacher. He rebuked sin but He gave the woman hope for a new life.
- ◆ This text gives no credence to the idea that we may take a flippant attitude towards God's law – (cf. Deut 6:24; 10:13; Psalms 19:7-11; Rom 7:12)

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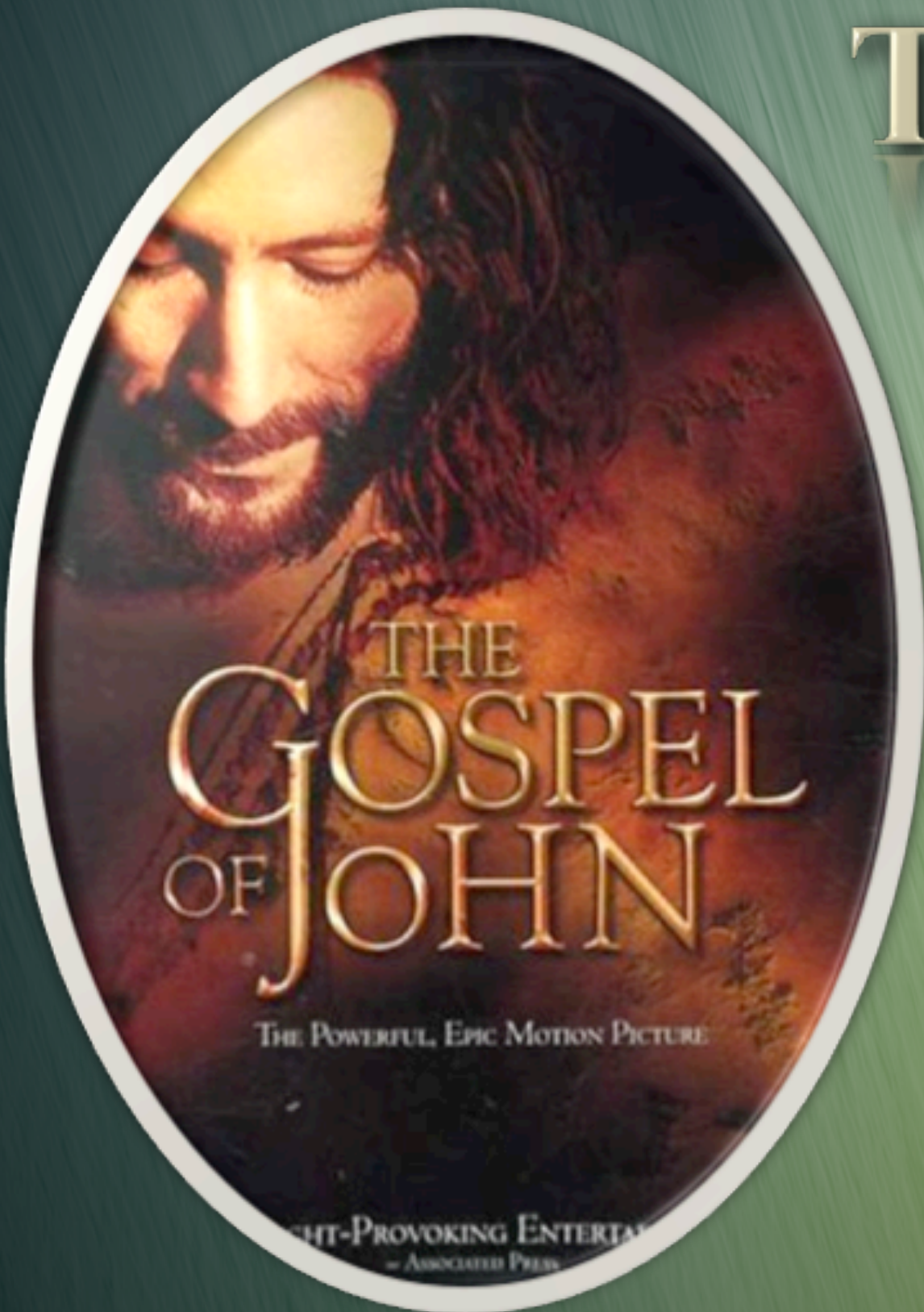
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Psalm 112:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ Praise the LORD! Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the LORD, *Who* delights greatly in His commandments. ² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches *will be* in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; *He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Psalm 112:1-10 (NKJV)

⁵ A good man deals graciously and lends;
He will guide his affairs with discretion. ⁶

Surely he will never be shaken; The
righteous will be in everlasting
remembrance. ⁷ He will not be afraid of
evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting
in the LORD. ⁸ His heart *is* established;
He will not be afraid, Until he sees *his*
desire upon his enemies.

Psalm 112:1-10 (NKJV)

⁹ He has dispersed abroad, He has
given to the poor; His
righteousness endures forever; His
horn will be exalted with honor. ¹⁰

The wicked will see *it* and be
grieved; He will gnash his teeth
and melt away; The desire of the
wicked shall perish.