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LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MISTAKES OF BIBLE CHARACTERS

The Epic Fail of the Pharisees

John 8:1-11

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While 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 began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

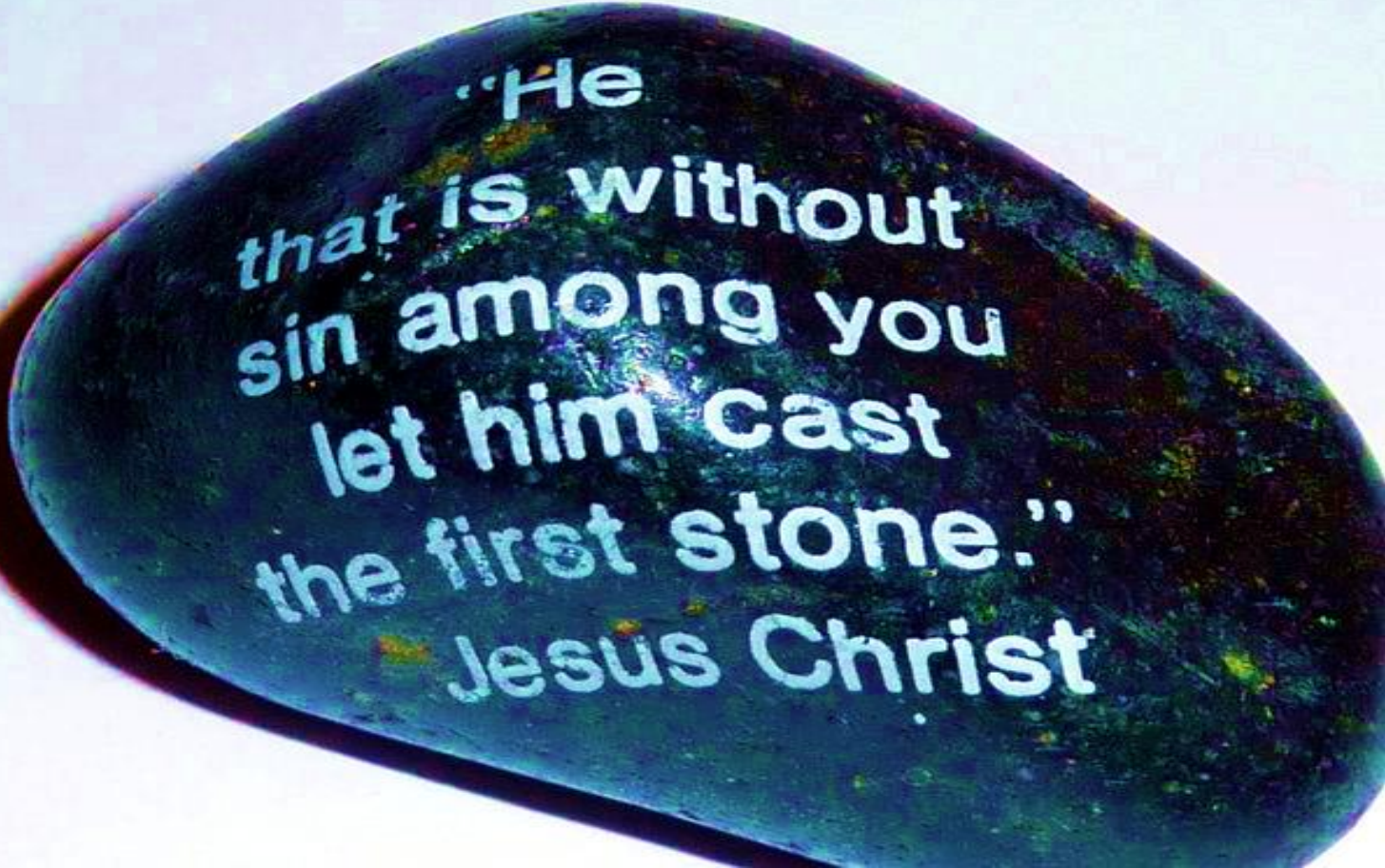
Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

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ADVENTURES IN MISSING

THE POINT

A smooth, dark, rounded stone, possibly a river stone, is shown against a white background. The stone has a mottled appearance with some lighter spots. Engraved in white, sans-serif capital letters is a quote from Jesus Christ. The text is arranged in six lines, following the curve of the stone. The first line is "He", the second is "that is without", the third is "sin among you", the fourth is "let him cast", the fifth is "the first stone.", and the sixth is "Jesus Christ".

“He
that is without
sin among you
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the first stone.”
Jesus Christ

A black and white photograph of Mother Teresa, a nun, holding a baby. She is wearing a white headscarf and a dark habit. The baby is looking towards her. In the background, a man is visible, partially obscured, with his hand near his face. A microphone is also visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

IF YOU JUDGE
PEOPLE,
YOU HAVE
NO TIME
TO LOVE THEM

Mother Teresa

