

Jesus was teaching in the temple when the religious leaders dragged a woman caught in adultery in front of the crowd and said: "The law of Moses says to stone her. What do You say?" She was guilty, deeply shamed, and without a defense. Rather than answer: "Jesus stooped to the ground and wrote in the dust with his finger." They may have thought He was stooping down to pick up a rock to throw, but He stooped down to 'throw' mercy. He said: "You who are without sin, go ahead and throw the first stone." There was dead silence until one man walked out, then another and another. It wasn't until all the men had left that Jesus stood up and spoke the words of forgiveness in today's Scripture verse.

This story shows that our God is not a God who just stays in Heaven. He is a God who stoops in the dirt to restore someone caught in sin, shame, and disgrace. His way is to free you from guilt, and release you from condemnation.

John 8:10-11 "Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman: "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord", she said. Jesus said: "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."