

## He Was Forgotten!

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They led her to him: “Teacher, this woman has been caught in  
the act of adultery.” She moaned  
because “Moses ordered such women to be stoned.”<sup>1</sup>

But the law says, “ Both adulterer and adulteress shall be put to  
death,”<sup>2</sup> and yet the man quickly fled  
as if he already had bled.

His peers let him go free, the old double standard  
we know so often and well,  
he let her be trapped in a stony hell.

They claimed to see but were really blind,  
their counsels could not endure,  
because the Spirit’s action must be pure.

“Let the man among you who has no sin cast the first stone,”  
unexpected directions never heard.  
Who could speak such a forgiving word?

The Teacher bent down and patterned the sand,  
symbols of kindness and love,  
out of the sun came a spiraling dove.

They all drifted away finding new ways to wander,  
reluctantly dropping their stones.  
She received healing, but he that left still moans.

He missed the encounter with the Teacher of Truth,  
a new lease on life, and only she  
came away realizing what it means to be free.

The fallen stones that once threatened a precious life,  
now viewed from above  
formed a sign of protection and love.

1. John 8:1-11

2. Leviticus 20:10

