

Angel Stories Skit #2

The Woman taken in Adultery, John 8 v 1-11 Kevin Lee

Performers x7-9

Wingnut/Narrator

Bootlace

Jesus

Woman

Bigwig

Scribes x 2 (or more)

Others x 2 (or more)

Narrator. “Wingnut and Bootlace, two Angels from the Jerusalem Squadron, are waiting together during a lull between Assignments. To pass the time, they swap stories about things they've seen and heard.”

Boot “I’ll tell you this story I heard from Geoffrey at the Temple”

Wing “Geoffrey?...All the action takes place on his turf!”

Boot “Yes, he does get his share all right....Anyway Jesus was by the Temple, and this crowd of men came by and two of them were dragging a woman along....”

Wing “The brutes...”

Boot “Yes...and they threw her down at Jesus’s feet and this Bigwig pointed at her and said “This woman was caught in adultery in the very act...now Moses in the Law commanded us to stone such as one but what do you say?”

Wing “Did they think He’d say different from the Law?”

Boot “They hoped He would...so they could accuse Him.”

Wing “So?.....What did He say?”

Boot “Nothing.”

Wing “Nothing?”

Boot “No...He just stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.”

Wing “Really?”

Boot “Yes.”

Wing “That won’t win him any Brownie points”

Boot “Nope!”

Wing “Then what did He do?”

Boot “Kept writing”

Bigwig “Did you hear us Prophet?.....This woman was taken in adultery....in the very act...now Moses in the Law commanded us to stone her...But what do you say?”

Scribe 1 “What do we do?....Honour the Law?...or not?”

(Jesus keeps writing)

Scribe 2 “This woman,...she’s an adulterer....do we stone her according to the Law of God?”

Bigwig “Do you have an answer for us?”

Jesus (Stands and looks around at the faces.) “He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her.” (He stoops and continues writing.)

(They stand looking at each other...Scribe one turns and leaves.)

(Bigwig aims a stone at the woman.)

Scribe 2 “What are you doing?”

Bigwig “Fulfilling the Law”

Scribe 2 “But He said....”

Bigwig "I heard what He said"

Scribe 2 "So?"

Bigwig "I keep the Law...I go to the Temple...I pay tithes...I fast....I'm without sin..."

Scribe 2 "I'm outta here." (Shaking his head.)

Bigwig "Go then!" (Jesus looks up at him...he drops the rock.) "Wait for me guys"

(The other 2 look at each other and leave also.)

Jesus (Looks up and sees the woman standing alone.) "Where are your accusers...has no man accused you?"

Woman "No man Lord"

Jesus "Neither do I condemn you...Go...and sin no more."

Boot "That fixed them"

Wing "Sure did!"

Boot "A word fitly spoken is like apples of Gold in pictures of silver."

Wing "You got that right."

Boot "Yes, never a man spoke like that Man."

Wing "So what did it say?"

Boot "What?"

Wing "You know what...the writing on the ground"

Boot "You don't look at things like that."

Wing "Why not?"

Boot “Cause it’s not done.”

Wing “So He didn’t?”

Boot “Course He did!”

Wing “What did it say?”

Boot (Smile.)

Wing “Oh no!...You can’t do this to me.”

Boot “Yes,.....I can.”

Wing “You always do this.”

Boot “Not always.”

Wing “I’ll give you my raisins?”

Boot “Nope.”

Wing “I’ll let you play with my marbles?”

Boot “Never!”

Wing “Ooooh”

End

Narrator “Do you know what the writing said? Not telling! (shaking his head)...Yes I will..I asked Bootlace and he told me it said.. “Who was the man...stone him too.” It takes two to tango...She wasn’t committing adultery on her own...so someone else was just as guilty as she was...But, where was he? Why didn’t they bring him along as well?”

In John 7v24 the Lord Jesus said “Judge righteous judgement.”... Equal judgement...An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth...But don’t make one woman pay for the sins of two. That isn’t righteous judgement. It’s unrighteous. In 2 Timothy 4v8, the Lord is called the righteous judge. And if He is continuing

His work on Earth through us, then we should make sure that we judge things fairly and righteously as He would.”

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