

Message Outline

Baseball and the Bible:

Playing in the Dirt

John 8:1-11



Intro: Biblical lessons from baseball...

- “In the big-inning” (cf.Gen.1:1): lessons on creation...
- “Keep your eye on the ball” (cf. Mt.6:33): lessons on focusing/seeking God first...
- Today’s lesson: playing in the dirt...
 - illus) Cleveland Indians in the mid-90s...
 - Baseball: a game played in the dirt...

Read: John 8:1-11

v.1-2—Jesus teaching in the Temple...

v.3-5—A woman caught doing wrong...

- Wounding in this wrongdoing...
- Where’s the man? The act takes two...

v.6a—The real motive...a trap!

v.6b-8—Playing in the dirt and a declarative statement...

- Jesus doesn’t excuse the woman nor the Word in His words on the matter.

v.9—Oldest exit first...

v.10-11—The woman’s first words... “Lord.”

Dealing with the Dirt

1) _____

- “Our Savior is not surprised by our sin.”
- Jesus seems to be the only one not startled in this scene by the happenings...

2) _____

- Jesus still calls a sin “sin” while still caring deeply about the person...
- How to not drop sin labels while still leaving room for sinners with Jesus...

3) _____

- Jesus didn’t condemn her because He took her condemnation (cf. Rom.8:1-4)...
- In Christ, a way to come clean...