

131. The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:1-11)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You showed much mercy to the woman caught doing adultery. Because of our sin, we deserve only death and punishment. We thank You for showing mercy to us. Please help us change our lives and follow You. Don't let us continue our sinful ways. Give us strength to follow You and Your will. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

John 8:1-2. Jesus left and went to the Mount of Olives. Early the next morning, Jesus went to the temple again. All the people came to Him. Jesus sat down and began teaching the people.

- Why did Jesus go to the Mount of Olives? Why did Jesus often go alone somewhere? What did He do?
- What did Jesus do during the day? What was Jesus always busy doing?

John 8:3-6. The Jewish law teachers and Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus. The woman was doing adultery, and she got caught. The teachers and Pharisees told Jesus, "Teacher, we caught this woman doing adultery. The law from Moses says we must stone her to death. What do You say we should do?" They wanted to test Jesus. They were looking for a way to accuse Jesus of doing wrong. Jesus knelt down and wrote on the ground with His finger.

- Jesus was always busy teaching. That is how He used His time. How did the law teachers and Pharisees use their time?
- The law from Moses was very clear. If a woman did adultery, the community of people must stone her to death. So why did the teachers and Pharisees ask Jesus what He thought?
- Why did the teachers and Pharisees want to test Jesus?

John 8:7-9. The law teachers and Pharisees continued asking Jesus. Jesus stood up and said, “The person who has no sin can throw the first stone.” Then Jesus knelt down and continued writing on the ground. They listened to Jesus. The people began leaving, one by one. The older men left first. Finally, Jesus was alone with the woman.

- What did Jesus answer the teachers?
- What do you think Jesus was writing on the ground? How did Jesus’ answer and writing affect the teachers? What did they do?

John 8:10-11. Jesus stood up. He asked the woman, “Where are they? No one will condemn you?” She answered, “No one, Lord.” Jesus said, “Then I don’t condemn you. Go and sin no more.”

- Does Jesus say the woman didn’t sin? What does Jesus say about her adultery sin?
- This story might make it look like Jesus doesn’t take sin seriously. Jesus shows that the teachers and Pharisees sin, the woman sins. So we shouldn’t judge each other. Is that what Jesus is saying? We should not take sin so seriously?
- Jesus told the woman, “Go and sin no more.” Is that possible? After God forgives us, can we live perfectly? What does that tell us about sin, repentance, and forgiveness? Can we live and not care if we sin, because God forgives us? Or does God want us to change our lives and try to avoid sin?