



Jesus' Mercy Towards a Woman Caught in Adultery

Week C-5 Lent John 8:1-11

Then each went to his own house, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the **temple** area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in **adultery** and made her stand in the middle.

They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing

adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to **stone** such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down

and wrote on the ground.

And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the **elders**. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one **condemned** you?"

She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not **sin** any more."



{ 1. Understand It! }

- **Temple** – a building for worship (like our church)
- **Adultery** – living with a man as if he was her husband, but they were not married
- **Stone** – killing someone by throwing rocks at them
- **Elders** – the most respected older people of the community
- **Condemn** – to strongly say that someone is bad or wrong
- **Sin** – intentionally doing something wrong, mistreating another person, and offending God



{ 2. Explore It! }

In today's Gospel, some people brought a woman who committed adultery to Jesus, a great sin in His time. They said to Jesus, "She deserves to die by Moses' commandment," and asked (tested) Jesus for his commandment. After a long period of silence, Jesus reminds the people that no one is without sin; everyone needs forgiveness. The people reflected on themselves, went away one by one, leaving the woman with Jesus. Jesus forgave her and told her:

"Neither do I _____ you. Go, [and] from now on do not _____ anymore."

At least 10 words from this Gospel passage are hidden. How many words can you find?

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{ 3. Connect It! }

Everyone makes mistakes. We must learn to not judge and say bad things about other people because we too have made mistakes. Jesus loves everyone, even when they sin.

{ 4. Remember It! }

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin anymore."
(John 8:11)

{ 5. Live It! [Gentleness] }

Gentleness is showing kindness toward others like Jesus does.

Offer to clean up, even when you did not cause the mess. When you are in your classroom, in church, in the hallways, or at home, quietly look around to see if you could pick up trash and humbly put items where they belong in.

When you see someone doing something wrong, use a soft and gentle voice to talk to them.

If you practiced **gentleness** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here



{ 6. Pray It! }

Lord Jesus,
I thank You for dying on the cross for my sins, for loving me even when I am lazy, upset, or unkind. When I am angry or sad, please help me to be gentle and caring, just like You. Help me to grow in Your love and grace.
In this last week of lent, I offer this prayer for all those who no longer go to Church, and those who passed away before apologizing for their sins. I pray that they would soon experience Your love for them. Amen.