

# JESUS' Mercy Toward a Woman Caught in Adultery

WEEK C-5 LENT

JOHN 8: 1-11

**T**hen 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 anymore.»

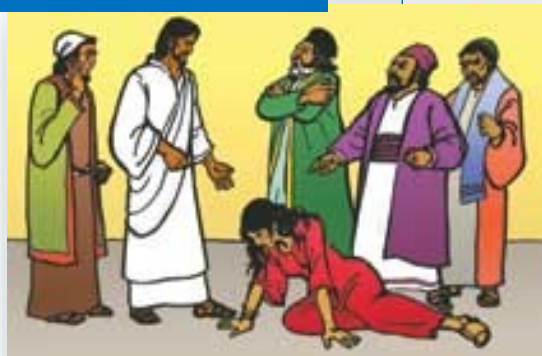
**Adultery** To be unfaithful to one's husband or wife

**Moses commanded...** in reference to the Old Testament laws during Moses' time.

1. Understand It!



## 2. Explore It!



In today's Gospel, Jesus shows God's mercy. He saves the sinner from being stoned to death. He forgives the sinner and teaches the sinner to sin no more.

### 3. Connect It!

Jesus shows God's mercy for sinners. How do you show your mercy to others?

Do you want to save others from death? How do you react when you hear bad news? Do you wish for the bad guy to die? Jesus saves the bad woman in today's Gospel and gives her a chance to be a better person, to sin no more.

### 4. Remember It!

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sin anymore.

John 8:11



### 5. Live It! [ Gentleness ]

- Gentleness means to be kind, tender, mild, soft
- Practice your gentleness and forgiveness this week: If someone makes you feel hurt, you tell him/her that his/her actions or words hurt you and tell them from now on do not do that anymore.
- Think of a time when someone wronged you. Were you ever able to forgive them, recognizing no one's perfect? Write down an instance where someone wronged you and you were able to understand what Jesus did to show compassion.

### 6. Pray It!



Lord, You want me to learn from you gentleness of heart. No matter how I fail you, your gentleness never fails me. You are slow to anger; Your kindness is without limit. Give me the wisdom to help me to be more like You.