

THE SINNER

JOHN 8:2-11

²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."



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Questions for reflection and discussion

1. Do you see yourself as a sinner? If so, when did you first acknowledge that you were not righteous? What were the circumstances that led to that admission?
2. Compare John 8:2-11 and Luke 7:36-48. What lessons can you learn...
 - From Jesus?
 - From the sinful women?
 - From the religious men?
3. Do you believe God will keep forgiving you when you commit the same sin over and over again? (Support your answer with at least one Scripture reference.)
4. Read Matthew 18:21-35. Is there anyone against whom you are holding a grudge? If so, why? How do you think your life might change if you were to forgive them?
5. Read 1 John 1:8-9. Have you confessed the sins you are aware of to God? Do you feel forgiven and cleansed? If not, what else do you think you must do to be forgiven?