

# G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel of John 8:1-5, 6b-11

One day while Jesus was at the Temple, some of the teachers of the law and some of the Pharisees came, bringing a woman with them. They made her stand in front of everyone, and they said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught committing a sin. The law of Moses tells us to kill her by throwing stones at her until she is dead. What do you say we do?'

But Jesus didn't say anything. He knelt down and started writing on the ground with his finger. They kept on asking him what they should do with the woman. So Jesus stood up and said to them, 'Anyone here who has never sinned can throw the first stone at her.'

Then Jesus knelt down and wrote on the ground again. The people started leaving, one by one. First the older ones, and then the others. When everyone was gone, Jesus was there alone with the woman standing in front of him. Jesus looked up at her and said, 'Where are all those people who were here? Didn't any of them stay to punish you?'

She said, 'No, Lord, no one did.'

And Jesus said, 'I don't punish you either. Go now-and don't sin anymore.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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# CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees wanted to punish the woman and to also test Jesus. They wanted to see what Jesus would do and to try to find a reason to arrest Him. However, Jesus responded differently and he did not punish the woman.

Instead, Jesus said, 'Anyone here who has never sinned can throw the first stone at her.' In other words, Jesus is saying that all of us have done wrong sometime in our lives. We should not be so quick to punish others for their wrongdoings without looking at our own wrongs.

By his example and works the Lord teaches us that God extends forgiveness to sinners to free them from their sins.

# ACTIVITY

## Word Search

LOVE	JESUS	PHARISEES	TEMPLE	SIN
PUNISH	LAW	FORGIVE	TEACHER	KINDNESS

S	S	E	N	D	N	I	K	A	Q
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