

(1) They went each to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He came again to the temple. All the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them.

(3) The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and, placing her in the midst they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say? This they said to test Him, that they might have some charge to bring against Him.

(6b) Jesus bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask Him, He stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once more He bent down and wrote on the ground.

(9) But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before Him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

Think on these things:

- 1) If this woman was caught ‘in the act’ of adultery, what’s the first problem we can identify with the religious leaders crashing Jesus’ teaching session at the temple to drag her in front of all to see? After stating the problem, please also comment on the topical scriptures below.

Problem? \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 20:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Leviticus 20:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 6:20-35 \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 5:27-28 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 19:3-9 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) In the Law of God given through Moses, what is the penalty for people committing adultery (v.5)? What insight does this give you into God’s view of the sanctity (sacredness) of marriage?

Penalty? \_\_\_\_\_

Sacredness of Marriage (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) Do you think the Law's penalty of that day would work in America today (see Hebrews 13:4)?

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4) Summarize the Christian teaching on marriage from these passages: Genesis 2:23-24, Matthew 19:1-6, Ephesians 5:25-31, and Hebrews 13:4.

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5) Can you explain simply the difference between these sexually immoral behaviors?

Adultery? \_\_\_\_\_

Fornication? \_\_\_\_\_

Prostitution? \_\_\_\_\_

Homosexuality (Romans 1:24-32)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Pornography? \_\_\_\_\_

6) Skimming 1 Corinthians 5:9-11; 6:9-11, 18; Ephesians 5:3-8; and 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, what can you summarize about God's view of sexually immoral behavior among believers?

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7) The woman was obviously guilty --- and Jesus gave the leaders and crowd permission to stone her (v.7) --- so why did no one throw stones to kill her? Which people "first" recognized that they could not do this (v.9)? Why do you think this was?

Why no stones thrown? \_\_\_\_\_

Who left first, and why? \_\_\_\_\_

8) God's forgiveness is a wonderful thing!! This is why Jesus came (John 3:17). Note, however, that Jesus also wasn't "winking" at her sin. Carefully read v.11 and write down the principal Jesus set forth regarding receiving God's forgiveness. Paul confirms this standard in Romans 6:1-2, 11-14.

Principal? \_\_\_\_\_

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People and situations I want to pray for this week: