



WELCOME TO BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION

2017-2018

A STUDY OF THE
GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson 11 Preview:
The Adulterous Woman & The Light of the World
John 8: 1-59



MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

https://youtu.be/uHk1_-_kmCE

MEMORY VERSE

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12b

PREVIEW OUTLINE

THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY JOHN 8: 1-11

- THE TRAP
- THE LEGAL ISSUES
- WHAT WAS JESUS WRITING?
- PARTING ADMONITION

PREVIEW OUTLINE

The Controversy Intensifies

JOHN 8: 12-59

- **Context**
- **Dispute Over Who Jesus Is**
- **Whose Children Are You?**
- **Response of the Unbelievers**
- **Jesus' Claims about Himself**

<https://youtu.be/0yIFgewaFcM>

THE TRAP

The “scribes” are the Jewish theologians. The “Pharisees” were adherents to a movement of conservative religious practice. Not all scribes were Pharisees and vice versa.

Rome did not allow conquered nations to exercise capital punishment. It had to be done through the Roman judicial system. For example, this is why Jesus was sentenced by the Roman official Pontius Pilate and not by the Jewish High Priest Caiaphas.

THE TRAP

**IF JESUS SAID THE WOMAN
SHOULD BE STONED:**

The religious authorities would go to the Romans claiming the Jesus was advocating the of exercise capital punishment OUTSIDE of the Roman judicial system.

**IF JESUS SAID THE WOMAN
SHOULD *NOT* BE STONED:**

They could go to the Sanhedrin claiming Jesus was a heretic who denied the law of Moses.

THE LEGAL ISSUES

The Law of Moses

Definition of Adultery: between a man whether single or married and a married woman. The penalty is death for both parties. Leviticus 20:10.

THE LEGAL ISSUES

What Was Jesus Writing?

Some speculations:

- Jesus was referencing the law of God
- Jesus was warning them — Jer.17:13
- Jesus was referencing Roman practice
- Jesus was doodling to buy time
- Jesus was writing the sins of the accusers

THE LEGAL ISSUES

PARTING ADMONITION: Go And Sin No More

**There is judgment
(adultery is a sin) BUT....**

**There is grace
(neither will I condemn you)**

THE CONTEXT OF VERSES 12-59

Why was the discourse in John 7 interrupted by the story of the woman taken in adultery?

- to lighten the lengthy discourse that is now continuing in John 8
- to add an incident illustrating the tensions between Jesus and the religious authorities

THE CONTEXT OF VERSES 12-59

Where is Jesus in John 8: 12-59?

- **Attempted Arrest has failed**
- **In Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles**
- **Teaching in the treasury area of the temple**

DISPUTE OVER WHO JESUS IS

Jesus Defends His Testimony

- **Based on first hand knowledge of heaven**
- **His judgment is based on heavenly perspective**
- **My Father also bears witness of me**

WHOSE CHILDREN ARE YOU?

Who is a Disciple?

- **Those who abide in His Word**
- **Abiding means remaining with Him, knowing His truth**
- **True Disciples are set free**
- **Real freedom doesn't lie in the ancestry of Abraham**

RESPONSE OF THE UNBELIEVERS

- You are a Samaritan and demon-possessed**
- You were born of fornication**
- You think you are greater than Abraham**
- You are not yet fifty years old**
- They prepare to stone him as a blasphemer**
- Jesus withdraws avoiding the crowd's wrath**

I Am

The Light of the World

*He who follows Me shall
not walk in darkness,*

But have the light of life.



**CHOOSE A PASSAGE FROM
CHAPTER 8 THAT IS MOST
MEANINGFUL TO YOU.**

**WHY IS THIS PASSAGE
MEANINGFUL TO
YOUR LIFE TODAY?**