

## An Adulteress Meets the Light of the World

### The Woman Caught in Adultery

<sup>53</sup> And everyone went to his *own* house. <sup>8</sup> But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup> they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup> Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” <sup>6</sup> This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear.

<sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” <sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. <sup>10</sup> When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

### Jesus Defends His Claim as the Light of the World

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” <sup>13</sup> The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.” <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me.

<sup>17</sup> It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. <sup>18</sup> I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” <sup>19</sup> Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.” <sup>20</sup> These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

### Questions:

1. The next morning after the Feast, what problem did the scribes and Pharisees present to Jesus in vs 1-5? What did the law of Moses say should be done in such a case? (Lev 20:10; Deut 22:22-24)
2. If this was such a clear case as they claimed, who else should they have had with them? Why were they really coming to Jesus with this instead of going to the priests?
3. How could they use this to put Jesus in danger however He answered? (see John 18:28-31) What did Jesus accomplish by stooping down and writing on the ground with His finger?
4. When they kept pressing Jesus, how did He answer? What principle of the law of Moses did this uphold? (Deut 17:6-7) How did this turn the tables on His accusers?
5. Why did these hypocrites leave without answering Jesus? How did Jesus resolve this dilemma with the woman? Did He deny or acknowledge her guilt?
6. What did Jesus claim He is, and what blessing would we receive if we follow Him? What do you think this means for our lives?
7. What argument did the Pharisees make in vs 13, and what did they mean by it?
8. Even if Jesus was bearing witness of Himself, what did He know that His accusers did not know?
9. What Old Testament principle did Jesus appeal to in vs. 17? What two witnesses did Jesus say He had?
10. How had the Father testified for Jesus? (John 5:30-47; Matt 3:17; 17:5) Some people claim that Jesus and God the Father are the same individual..what can we establish regarding this from vs. 17-18?