

Stand For Truth with a Heart of Mercy

John 8:2-11

Open:

Ever been kept after school? Interrogated by the police? Caught at the wrong place? Were you guilty or acquitted?

Dig:

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How is this situation a trap for Jesus? What would the Pharisees accuse Jesus of if he told them to let her go? If he told them to stone her? How does He spring the trap?

How would the woman just caught in adultery have felt? What then would be the significance of Jesus' question in verse 10?

How does Jesus' response to the woman exemplify "grace and truth" (1:17)? Was Jesus compromising "Truth" by not condemning the woman?

Reflect and Application:

How does the way Jesus treated this woman help you face some of the sins you struggle with?

Jesus accepts you "as is." Does that free you to change, or does it reinforce your bad behavior? How so?

What does Jesus' acceptance of the woman and demonstration of mercy affect the way in which we need to do that for those in our community who are "living in sin"? What person have you recently encountered that you could demonstrate the same heart and mind of Jesus?