





- All Through This Real Story:
  - About A Woman Taken In Adultery!
  - Let's Look At These Verses More Closely Together! Where:

\* First - The "Grace And Truth" Of Jesus Can Be Seen:

**1. In His Teaching!**

- In 8:1-2 - Where - After A Rather Eventful:
  - Feast Of Tabernacles:
    - At Which The People:
      - Constructed Booths In Which They Lived:
        - For 7-8 Days!
  - Though - Afterwards - In 7:53 - "Every Man Went Unto His Own House!"
    - Where Did Jesus Go?
      - 8:1 - "Jesus went unto the mount of Olives!"
  - This Reminds Us Of What Jesus Said:
    - In Matthew 8:20 - "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head!"
  - But - On The Mount Of Olives:
    - There Was A Garden:
      - Where Jesus Is Known To Have Gone:
        - For Rest & Refreshment - Especially Through Prayer!
  - And So - Not Long After The Feast:
    - We Are Told In 8:2 - "And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them!"
      - Don't We See The "Grace & Truth" Of Jesus Even In This?
  - In Spite Of Being Tired:
    - From The Events Of The Last Week:
      - And - Even After Traveling:
        - All Those Miles From Galilee!
    - He Still Returned To The Temple:
      - "Early In The Morning!"
        - Probably At The Break Of Dawn!
        - But Also:
  - In Spite Of Being Threatened:
    - By The Pharisees & Chief Priests:
      - He Still Returned To The Temple:
        - "Early In The Morning!"
    - Why Would He Do So? Because:
- There Was Still:
  - More Work To Be Done!
    - The Temple Was His Father's House - And:
      - He Knew That He:
        - "Must Be About (His) Father's Business!" (Luke 2:49)
  - There Was Still:
    - More Grace To Give:
      - To His Lost Sheep - Like The Woman:
        - He Was About To Meet!
    - Also - He "Came Again Into The Temple!"
      - Because:
  - There Were Still:
    - More Words To Be Said!
      - Many Of The People Who "Came To Him" Were Thirsty - And Believed That:
        - He Could Quench Their Spiritual Thirst! (7:37) - And So:
    - There Was Still:
      - More Truth To Teach!
        - And So - He Did!
          - 8:2 - "He Sat Down, And Taught Them!"
- And - As He Taught:

- Out Of His Mouth Continued To Flow:
  - “Grace And Truth!”
  - “Compassion Without Compromise!”
- And - This Is What You Will Continue To Find:
  - In “Every Word That Proceedeth Out Of The Mouth Of God!” (Matthew 4:4)
  - Are You Listening To His Words?
  - Are You Learning From His Words?
  - Are You Living According To His Words?
    - Of “Grace And Truth!”
- But - This Led To An Interruption:
  - By Some Of The Religious Leaders In The Temple!
  - And Yet - We Can Still See His “Grace And Truth” Even:

## 2. ***In His Testing!***

- Which We Find Next In 8:3-6a:
  - “And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, / They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. / Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? / This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him!”
    - So - At Some Point In The Recent Past:
      - A Woman Was “Taken In Adultery!”
        - That Is - She Had Been Caught In The Act & Taken Into Custody:
          - By The Jewish Authorities!
    - Of Course - There Are A Lot Of Unanswered Questions!
      - Like - What Happened To The Man:
        - Who Committed Adultery With Her? Takes Two - Right?
    - But - Its Pretty Clear That:
      - The Scribes & Pharisees:
        - Who Were Experts In Jewish Law:
          - Weren’t After The:
            - Whole Truth In This Matter!
        - Instead - They Were After Something:
          - They Could Use:
            - To Test & Try Jesus!
              - And This Woman’s Case Was Exactly What They Were Looking For!
      - So - They Came To Jesus With This Woman:
        - And - 8:3 - “Set Her In The Midst!”
          - Right Between Jesus & The Crowd Of Listeners!
          - And Brought Up:
    - The Charge - Against The Woman!
      - 8:5 - “They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act!”
        - So - The Guilt Of This Woman:
          - Was Clear! Her Case:
            - Was Essentially Closed!
        - She Had Broken The Seventh Commandment:
          - Of God’s Moral Law:
            - Which Said - “Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery!” (Exodus 20:14)
              - And - There Were Enough Witnesses To Establish The Case Against Her!
        - We Have No Reason To See:
          - A Rush To Judgment Here!
            - She Probably Had More Due Process:
              - Than Jesus Would Have:
                - When It Came Time For *His* Trial!
        - But - Since Her Guilt Was Clear:
          - The Scribes & Pharisees:
            - Shamelessly Use The Shame Of This Woman:
              - In Their Plot Against Jesus! And So - In 8:5 - They Bring Up:
        - The Commands - Of God - To Jesus!

- 8:5 - “Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?”
  - Those Experts Of God’s Law:
    - Referred Back To Verses Like Leviticus 20:10 & Deuteronomy 22:23:
      - To Remind Jesus That The Sin Committed By The Woman:
        - Was Worthy Of Death!
- What She Did Was:
  - A Breach Of God’s Supreme Law - From:
    - God’s Supreme Leader (Moses) - About:
      - God’s Supreme Lesson!
        - About Faithfulness!
    - And - These Leaders:
      - *Were Right* About God’s Standards!
- After All - The Kind Of Sin This Woman Committed:
  - Along With All Other Kinds Of:
    - Sexual Deviancy:
      - Brought God’s Judgment On:
        - Many Nations In The Past & Even Will Today!
- The Lesson Is Still The Same!
  - Sexual Immorality Is:
    - A Serious Sin & Crime Against God!
      - In All Of Its Forms!
    - But - As True As This Was & Is:
      - These Men Did Not Really Care:
        - About The Precepts:
          - Of God’s Law! Nor:
        - About The Process:
          - Of God’s Law! Nor:
        - About The People:
          - Of God - At All!
- Rather - John Tells Us - About:
  - The Calculation - Of These Leaders!
    - In 8:6 - “This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him!”
      - They Thought They Had Set:
        - The Perfect Trap:
          - For Jesus!
    - If Jesus Did *Not* Agree:
      - With The Punishment:
        - For This Woman’s Crime:
          - Then - They Could Accuse Jesus:
            - Of Being Opposed To God’s Authority & Law!
    - But - If Jesus *Did* Agree:
      - With The Punishment:
        - Then - They Could Accuse Jesus:
          - Of Being Opposed To The Authority & Law Of Rome!
    - Because - As We Find Out Later:
      - In 18:31 - At That Time - It Was Not Lawful:
        - For The Jews:
          - To Put Any Man To Death:
            - Without Permission From The Roman Authorities!
  - But - Jesus Let Them Have Their Say!
    - But - Jesus Knew The Real Reason:
      - They Brought This Woman To Him!
    - But - Did Jesus Confront Them?
      - Did Jesus Chide Them?
        - Did Jesus Condemn Them? No!
      - Instead - Showing Great Restraint:
        - We Are Told In 8:6b:
          - “But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground!”

- What Did Jesus Write?
  - All Kinds Of Ideas!
    - Like - The Ten Commandments!
    - Or - His Verdict!
    - Or - Their Names! (Jeremiah 17:3 - "They That Depart From Me Shall Be Written In The Earth, Because They Have Forsaken The Lord, The Fountain Of Living Waters!")
    - Or - Something Entirely Different!
    - We Just Don't Know!
- But - Through His Restraint:
  - Even Toward His Enemies:
    - Jesus Showed His Compassion Without Compromise!
    - His Grace & Truth!
  - But - We Can See This Even More:

### 3. *In His Triumph!*

- His Triumph Over His Testing:
  - By The Scribes & Pharisees!
    - 8:7 - "So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her!"
  - In Hearing These Words Of Jesus:
    - Once Again - We Can Agree With:
      - Those Officers - Back In 7:46!
      - "Never A Man Spake Like This Man!"
  - Because - Even In These Few Words!
    - Only 9 Words In The Underlying Text!
      - Jesus Shows Us What The Gospel Is!
      - True Compassion Without Compromise!
  - Just Look At What Jesus Reveals:
    - In His Reply! He Reveals His Own:
- True Denouncement:
  - Of The Woman's Sin!
    - In Effect - Jesus Agrees With:
      - The Scribes & Pharisees:
      - About The Woman's Guilt!
  - That - The Charge Against The Woman:
    - Was True - And:
      - The Case Against The Woman:
      - Was Closed!
    - Jesus Said - "Let Him Cast / Throw!"
      - The First Stone!
  - If That Woman Was Hoping To Get:
    - Some Kind Of Acquittal From Jesus:
      - That She Was "Not Guilty" Of Her Sin:
      - She Would Not Find It!
  - She Was Guilty As Charged!
    - But Also - Jesus Reveals The:
- True Demands:
  - Of God's Law!
    - Jesus Affirmed The Authority Of:
      - God's Supreme Law!
        - That It Was Still Valid!
      - God's Supreme Leader!
        - That God Did Speak The Truth Through Moses! And:
      - God's Supreme Lesson!
        - About Her Kind Of Sin!
          - Still Serious Before A Holy & Righteous God!
  - And That Woman Deserved:
    - The Consequence & Punishment:

- Of Death! Even By Stoning!
- “Let Him First Cast A Stone At Her!”
- But Then - Jesus Goes Further!
- To Reveal The:
- True Depravity:
  - Of *All* Their Hearts!
  - He Says To The Scribes & Pharisees:
    - “He That Is Without Sin Among You, Let Him First Cast A Stone At Her!”
    - Once Again We See That:
      - Jesus “Knew What Was In Man!” (2:25)
  - And So - He Knew How:
    - To Reach Them!
      - With Just The Power:
        - Of His Words!
  - Of Course - We Already Know:
    - The Effect Of These Words:
      - On Those Men!
        - 8:9a - “And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last!”
  - The Words Of Jesus Are:
    - The Very Words Of God!
      - And - As Such - They Are:
        - “Quick And Powerful, And Sharper Than Any Twoedged Sword, Piercing Even To The Dividing Asunder Of Soul And Spirit, And Of The Joints And Marrow, And Is A Discerner Of The Thoughts And Intents Of The Heart!” (Hebrews 4:12)
  - So - With Just A Single Statement!
    - Even A Single Sentence:
      - Jesus Struck His Own Blow:
        - With A Word More Powerful:
          - Than A Stone!
    - So That - He Made The:
      - Hard Hearts Of Those Harsh Men:
        - To Melt Within Them:
          - As They Considered Their Own Sins Against God! Perhaps Even Sins:
            - Not Unlike The Woman’s!
  - But - One Of The Saddest Things:
    - In This Passage Is That:
      - Instead Of Staying There:
        - With The One Who Wounded Their Conscience With His Word!
          - To Find Help & Healing!
    - What Did They Do Instead?
      - They “Went Out One By One!”
  - Instead Of Responding:
    - In Repentance!
      - They Removed Themselves From:
        - The Source Of Their Discomfort!
          - Don’t Make The Same Mistake!
  - But - There’s Something Else:
    - That Jesus Reveals In His Words!
    - And That Is His Own:
- True Dominion:
  - As The Lord & Judge:
    - Of Them All!
  - There Was Only One There - In That Crowd:
    - Who Was Truly “Without Sin!”
      - And That Was Jesus!

- And - Though He Was Qualified:
  - To Charge & Convict & Condemn:
    - That Woman:
      - For Her Sin & Guilt!
      - What Do We Find Instead?
- Jesus - Not Just As:
  - Her Sovereign - But Also:
    - As Her Savior!
      - The Only One Who Could Show Her:
        - "Grace And Truth!"
        - "Compassion Without Compromise!"
  - And So - We Are Told In:
    - 8:9b - "And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst!"
      - So - There Were Probably Still Some Of The Crowd:
        - Surrounding Them:
          - To Witness What Happens Next!
      - But - For Jesus & The Woman:
        - It Was As If:
          - Noone Else Was There! And:
            - There Was Nobody In The Way!
  - And So - We See - One More Time:

\* The Compassion Of Jesus Without Compromise - In 8:10:

**4. *In His Tenderness!***

- "When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers?"
  - This Guilty Woman:
    - Experienced First Hand:
      - The Tenderness Of Jesus!
        - First - Through:
  - His Focus On Her!
    - Jesus Set His Sights:
      - On Her & Her Alone!
    - As If They Were:
      - The Only Two:
        - In The Temple! In The City!
        - In The Country! In The World!
      - Jesus Looked Upon That Woman:
        - So That She Might Live!
    - But Then - Not Only Did Jesus:
      - *See Her* - He Then *Spoke* To Her:
        - And Granted:
  - His Forgiveness To Her!
    - In 8:10b-11a - Jesus Continues - "Hath no man condemned thee? / She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee!"
      - These Are Words Of:
        - Compassion & Forgiveness!
          - Which Only The Sovereign Savior Could Do!
        - Even The Religious Leaders Understood This! Luke 5:21:
          - "Who Can Forgive Sins, But God Alone?"
      - Though She Was Guilty Of Her Sin:
        - She Was No Longer Condemned:
          - For Her Sin!
            - Because Jesus Forgave Her!
        - And - From That Time On:
          - She Was Reconciled With Jesus!
            - There Was "Nothing Between Her Soul And The Savior!"
      - But - How Could Jesus Do This For Her?



- Because He Knew:
  - That She Belonged To Him!
- Because He Knew:
  - That - Very Soon - He Would:
    - Die On The Cross:
      - For Her Sin!
- Romans 8:34 - "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us!"
- Perhaps - One Of The Reasons:
  - This Was Such A Controversial Passage:
    - In The Early Days Of The Church:
      - Is Because There Is No Mention Of The Woman's Faith & Belief:
        - In The Lord!
- Instead - All We Have Is:
  - Jesus Granting Her Complete Forgiveness!
    - But - Is There *No* Faith:
      - Expressed By This Woman?
  - When Jesus Was Dealing With:
    - The Consciences Of Her Accusers:
      - Was He Not Dealing:
        - With Hers As Well?
  - So That - When All Of Her Accusers:
    - "Went Out One By One!"
      - Who Is The One Who Stayed?
        - The Woman!
  - Perhaps There Was More Going On In Her Heart:
    - When She Called Jesus "Lord!"
      - Then Just A Title Of Respect!
  - So - Even Though We Are Not Told:
    - That The Woman Believed In Jesus:
      - We Do See Next:
- His Freedom For Her!
  - "Go, And Sin No More!"
    - Jesus Made That Poor Sinner Free!
      - And From That Point On:
        - She Was "Free Indeed!" (8:36)
  - She Was Given:
    - A Clean Heart!
      - A Clear Slate! And:
        - A Current Opportunity:
          - Pursue After Holiness & Righteousness! Which She Could Never To Before!
  - She Was Now Free:
    - To Be Faithful:
      - To The Lord!

### **Conclusion:**

1. And So - All Through This Remarkable Passage:
  - We See The Compassion Of Jesus:
    - On Full Display - But Without:
      - Any Compromise!
        - Again - Jesus Is Full Of:
          - "Grace And Truth!"
2. But - We Can Also See From These Verses:
  - What Jesus Can Do For Every Sinner:
    - Through The Gospel!
      - And - What Jesus Can Do For You!
  - Just Like That Woman:

