

TO HELP US STUDY

1. What time of day was it when Jesus went to the temple? _____
2. What did he do when all the people came there? _____
3. Who brought the sinful woman to Jesus? _____
4. According to Moses' Law, what punishment did she deserve? _____

5. When the men asked Jesus what they should do to the woman, what did Jesus do? _____

6. When Jesus finally stood up and spoke, what did he say? _____

7. While Jesus wrote on the ground again, what did the scribes and Pharisees do? _____

8. When Jesus looked up, who was left with him? _____
9. Jesus asked her, "Has no one _____ you?" She said, "_____, sir."
10. Jesus said, "_____."
11. Did Jesus approve of the woman's sin? _____ What is his attitude toward our sins? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: In the last two lessons we have been memorizing the names of the New Testament books. Now let's say them all.

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Our NIV Bibles tell us that this event is missing in the most reliable manuscripts of the Bible. Does this mean it is not really a part of the Bible text? In a good study Bible or in a good commentary on John's Gospel, find out all you can about this and write your answers on the back of this sheet.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

1) Do our kids know what adultery is? Do they know enough about the human biological processes to understand our attempts to explain it? Are they old enough to need to know? Many parents and teachers faced with such problems just skip stories like this one. I doubt this is the right answer. Actually this subject is not difficult to handle. Much depends on how we talk about the matter. We can say that the woman was living with a man who was not her husband and that she was making love to him. Almost always our kids will form their own ideas about this and ask no further questions. Discussing "the birds and the bees" is unnecessary unless we want to raise the subject. Through this story we can impress on our children from their earliest days that God intends for a man to live with one woman and to be faithful to her.

2) Will our children understand the idea of throwing stones at someone? We will probably need to explain that stoning was a common method of execution, not unlike hanging or lethal injections in modern society. We can show our little ones the seriousness of the sin by the seriousness of the punishment. And, above all, we can show them the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus.

FOR ADULT STUDY: 1 Jn 1:7-2:2; Heb 8:12; Col 3:13; Rev 7:14; Jn 1:29.