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How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.

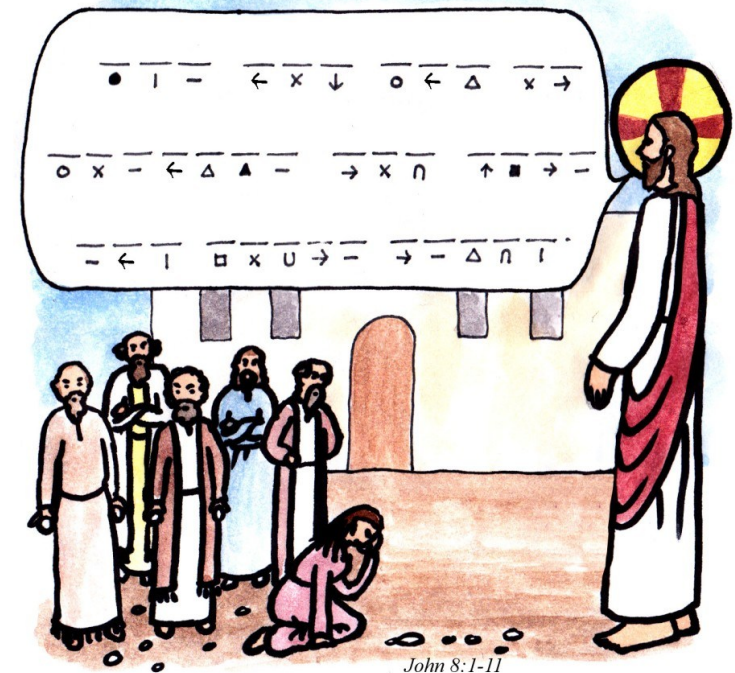


Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners because we are sinners too.



Answers: front: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."
Answers to True or False:
1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True
5. False 6. True 7. True

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In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?



Jesus wants to be our friend. He wants us to be good. And even when we make mistakes HE still loves us and wants us to try to be better. Can you colour in the picture of Jesus and the woman who made bad choices?



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