

John 8:1-11 - Jesus and the woman caught in adultery

¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him,
and he sat down to teach them.

³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery.

They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus,

“Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them,

“If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus
was left,

with the woman still standing there.

¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,”

Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”