

# 1. Who is Jesus: Just and Merciful

John 8:2-11

## Lent series

\*This story was not included in the earliest manuscript of the Gospel of John

### 1. The Story

- Woman is caught in adultery (but where's the man?)
- This was a trap for Jesus; a perfect trap
- What would you do if a brother or sister in church was caught committing sin?
- Justice without mercy? Mercy without justice?

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### 2. The Sins

- Sin of adultery
- Sin of hypocrisy, injustice, malice, unmerciful
- Case study: abortion
- Are you like the crowd, or are you like the adulterous woman?

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### 3. The Solution

- The perfect answer
- Can Jesus be both just and merciful?
- Compassionate justice
- Uncompromising mercy

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### Reflection Questions:

1. Do you find yourself relating more to the Pharisees, the crowd, or the woman? How does today's sermon change the way you view yourself?
2. Do you find yourself seeking God's justice more or His mercy more? How can you seek both God's justice and mercy in your life?
3. How can you spend this Lent to reflect more deeply on Jesus' saving work? Think of a practical plan and share with someone who can keep you accountable.