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“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him”(John 3:17 ESV).

God has no desire to condemn people, only to save them through his Son. He understands you and loves you right where you are today. He wants to — and will — save you from all of these. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to heal it. **Read:** John 4:5-42

Context and background

Samaritans were despised by the Jews. It was very unusual for a Jew to speak to a Samaritan, but that’s exactly what Jesus did. There were differences in worship practices between the Samaritans and the Jews. The woman comes to the well “at noon” to draw water, rather than in the morning with other women; likely she was an outcast. She is a sinner, but so were some of the men sinners in the town also!

Jesus reaches her by _____ himself

- Jesus humbles himself, and speaks to a Samaritan woman.
- Jesus engages her with relationship and conversation.
- He is not too good and pure to talk with her.
- He knows she is a sinner and yet, he looks upon her.

Jesus was constantly eating, healing, loving, talking, and praying with sinners like this woman.

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- Guilt has to do with your behaviors, like when you do something wrong.
- Shame has to do with your identity, what you believe about yourself.

Shame is when we say to ourselves, “There is something wrong with me.

**God sees your sin, mistakes, and failures,
but He knows that’s not who you are.**

Jesus heals her and starts a _____ **story**

She led her entire village to meet Jesus and, after the resurrection, became a missionary to areas around the Mediterranean with her two sons.

This woman at the well, according to tradition, was eventually martyred for her faith in Christ by the Roman emperor Nero, along with her sons.

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