

**Redeemed By Christ**  
**John 8:1-11 (NKJV)**  
**May 18, 2022**

**Introduction:** *In a complex society, some people just do not make it and they are often overlooked unnoticed and undervalued. In all his relationships Jesus showed a different value system from that of the society in which he lived.*

1. Notice each person or group of people mentioned in this event. Using the point of view of the Pharisees, create a "respectability scale." Where would you place each person or group of people on that scale?
2. What events lead to crisis meeting with the woman (vv.1-6)?
3. What evidence do you see that indicates the temple leaders were using this woman for their own purpose?
4. Most of us have had at least one occasion where we felt that we were being treated wrong or less than. What effect does this kind of experience have on you?
5. Leviticus 20:10 ("if a man commits adultery with another man's wife, with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death") is the law these religious leaders had in mind. in view of that law, why do you think that they brought the woman but not the man?
6. Verse 6 refers to a trap. Why was there question a trap?
7. What underlying problems were not being addressed by the accusations against the woman?
8. How did Christ's actions show that the woman was not a throw away person in his sight (vv.6-11)?
9. Jesus spoke to both the woman and the religious leaders about sin. Why?
10. Jesus showed that he valued the woman even though the temple leaders did not. What words or actions help you to feel valued?
11. What difference does it make to you that Christ values you no matter what you have done?
12. The religious leaders used the woman to gain what they thought was a greater good. What is wrong with using people in this way?

**Reflect and Pray:**

*Many people are almost faceless to us. We see them only for what they can do for us. We avoid other people because their problems are too big for us to fix or because we are embarrassed to be seen with them. Think of some of the "throwaway" people who enter your life. How might you treat these people in a way that mirrors Christ?*

*Prayerfully read aloud verses 10-11 as if Jesus were speaking directly to you. Pause to let God search your heart and receive God's forgiveness. Pray, responding to Christ's words in whatever way is appropriate for you.*

**John 8:1-11** <sup>1</sup> But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup> they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup> Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" <sup>6</sup> This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear.

<sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." <sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. <sup>10</sup> When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."