

Women in the Word

John 7:53-9:41, Lesson 11, Pt. 1

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Scripture references: ESV

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## Sin & Judgment

### The Problem: Sin

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost

We have a sinner who cannot save herself; she is lost

The law is against her; she has broken it, and the penalty is death

She is brought before Jesus and is indicted by His enemies; she is guilty

(credit Arthur W. Pink)

**The Question:** Which will be satisfied? The law? Or mercy? It's not possible to satisfy both, is it?

God writes the law on tablets; Moses breaks the tablets (Ex. 31:18)

God tells Moses to make new tablets; God writes the law again (Ex. 34:1)

Jesus writes in the dirt, puzzling the Pharisees (John 8:6)

Jesus again writes on the ground, saving the adulterous woman (John 8:8)

**The Solution:** Jesus fulfills the law and balances it with grace and mercy; the woman is saved

## Takeaways from John 8

*At your tables, discuss the following:*

1. The word “sin” appears in verses 7, 11, 21, 24, 34, and 46. How is the word used in each context? What differences do you see? How does Jesus’ view differ from that of the world’s?
2. The word “judge” appears in verses 15, 16, 26, and 50. How is the word used in each context? How does Jesus’ judgment differ from that of the world’s?
3. What examples do you see of ad hominem attacks against Jesus (ridiculing the person instead of refuting his argument)? Discuss instances of this strategy that you’ve observed recently.

### Resources:

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