

Sermon Listening Guide (July 26, 2026)

Scripture: John 8:1-11

Sermon Title: "Jesus and that Woman"

First Thoughts

John 8:1-11 is a controversial passage for several reasons.

In those verses, Jesus makes incredible claims that point to who he truly is.

These verses are also controversial because they are not in our oldest manuscripts.

Even so, they are important in our Christians tradition.

The Woman

In the temple courts a woman caught in adultery is taken to Jesus.

The Pharisees want to use her situation to embarrass or trap Jesus.

These religious leaders had lost sight of the value of people to God.

All of us are God's creation and worthy of respect and care.

Those that should have been helping this woman were rooting against her.

The Pharisees

The bar to prove adultery was very high and very specific.

The man who was involved is noticeably absent in this story.

Jesus' answer to their question proves their cruelty and hypocrisy.

Forgiven people forgive other people (Matthew 6:14-15).

Jesus and that Woman

Alone with the woman in the temple courts, Jesus forgives her sin.

Yet, Jesus also calls her to a new life with that sin in her past.

What prison of sin holds you?

Have you talked to Jesus about leaving your sin behind?

We can be free, if we trust him.

Final Thoughts

Who are you in this John 8 story?

Amazingly, we should all desire to be the woman caught in adultery in John 8.

She is forgiven and given a new direction in life.

There is nothing you have done that Jesus will not forgive.