

**A TRAP DISARMED**  
***Jesus' Compassion Overcomes the Pharisee's Corruption***

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Lesson 20 – John 7:53-8:11

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**Memory Verse:** **John 8:7** But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him *be the* first to throw a stone at her."

**Theme:** Jesus extends genuine mercy to a guilty sinner and exposes the hypocrisy of the legalistic Pharisees, in His response to the Pharisee's trap to destroy Him.

**I. Jesus Displays His Character 7:53-8:2**

1. Jesus went to the Mount of Olive, while others went to their \_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 8:20 Philippians 2:7-8
2. Jesus arose early in the morning to travel to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 21:37-38
3. Jesus taught the people who came to Him with great \_\_\_\_\_.  
John 7:46 Matthew 7:28-29

Observing Jesus' activities in these verses, list two of His attributes on display?

**II. The Pharisees Display Their Character 8:3-7a**

1. The Pharisees force a woman caught in adultery to \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple.
2. The Pharisees accuse the woman, before \_\_\_\_\_, caught in the act of adultery.
3. The Pharisees present the \_\_\_\_\_ and the sentence for the woman's guilt.  
Exodus 20:14 Deuteronomy 22:22 Matthew 5:27-28
4. The Pharisees try to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus in order to bring a charge to destroy Him.

List three traps set by the Pharisees to destroy Jesus:

Matthew 16:1-4

Matthew 19:3-6

Matthew 22:15-19

How did the Pharisees seek to trap Jesus this time?

- a. The Mosaic law required \_\_\_\_\_ as the sentence for adultery and Roman law prohibited the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. If Jesus showed mercy to the woman, He became an enemy of the \_\_\_\_\_, if Jesus pronounced the woman guilty and sentenced her to be stoned, He became an enemy of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Observing the Pharisee's activities in these verses, list two of their attributes on display?

### III. Jesus Exposes Hypocrisy

8:6-9

1. Jesus intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ His response to the Pharisee's demand for a sentence.
2. Jesus requires the accusers, who are law \_\_\_\_\_, to be the woman's executioners  
Deuteronomy 17:7
3. Jesus waits for the conviction of \_\_\_\_\_ to have its impact on the Pharisees  
Matthew 5:27-28

What did His reply ("He who is without sin, be first to throw a stone") accomplish?

1. Upheld the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did not deny the woman's \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did not violate \_\_\_\_\_ by placing the responsibility on the accusers
4. Exposed the Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ by confronting them with their own sin
5. Mercifully spared the woman from receiving the \_\_\_\_\_ for her sin

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### IV. Jesus Shows Mercy

8:10-11

1. Jesus asks the woman to \_\_\_\_\_ those who would have judged her as guilty.
2. The woman tells Jesus, her accusers have \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the woman and exhorts her to turn from her sin.  
Matthew 9:6 John 3:17 Luke 7:47-48

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### V. Implications

1. How does God harmonize divine justice with divine mercy?

God is \_\_\_\_\_ and His standard for man is \_\_\_\_\_  
Leviticus 11:44-45 Deuteronomy 18:13 1 Peter 1:15-16 Matthew 5:48

God's law is \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 7:12

Therefore, a holy God must judge and \_\_\_\_\_ sin according to His holy law.  
Ezekiel 18:4 Romans 6:21

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Romans 6:23 Romans 8:3 1 Peter 2:24 Romans 3:26

2. In what ways can we imitate the character of Jesus Christ?  
Ephesians 5:1-5