



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 8:1-11 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Who brought the woman to Jesus and why did they?

The scribes and Pharisees brought the woman to test Him. They wanted to put Him into a position that no matter what He said it would be wrong and He would be condemned.

2. What was the charge against the woman and what was the punishment if she was found guilty?

They charged her with breaking one of the Ten Commandments by being caught in the very act of

adultery. The punishment was execution by stoning her to death.

3. Why might they have not brought the man to Jesus too?

He might have run away too fast. Most probably he was part of the plot to test Jesus. The scribes, the Pharisees, and the man were willing to sacrifice the woman to trap Jesus.

4. What might Jesus have written on the ground with His finger?

The first time, He might have written abbreviations of the Ten Commandments or some of the other laws in the Law of Moses. The second time He wrote, He might have written the names of those among the scribes and Pharisees (beginning with the oldest among them) beside the laws they had broken, thus revealing their sins, for He knew what was in everyone.

5. Who condemned the woman, and what did Jesus tell her?

No one was left to condemn her. Jesus told her that He did not condemn her and she should god and not sin again.

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