

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 24, 2021
Fulfilled – John 7:53-8:11

1. What does your Bible say before 7:53? _____
2. What does this mean?
 - a. Most scholars agree that this section does not belong at this point in John¹
 - b. We should ignore it.
 - c. Most scholars seem to agree that the passage is a part of inspired Scripture²
 - d. Although it may not have originally been written by John, it relates to the other stories included in this passage and is likely a true historical account of Jesus' actions.
 - e. It was likely a part of the early oral tradition of the believers regarding Jesus and many in the church thought it was important to include, though they were not unanimous on where it should be included.
3. Where is Jesus in this passage, according to 8:2? _____
4. What happens while Jesus is teaching in the temple courts, according to 8:3-5?
 - a. Everybody quietly and reverently listened to what Jesus had to say.
 - b. A woman caught in adultery was brought into the temple courses where Jesus was teaching..
 - c. They made the woman stand before the group.
 - d. They asked Jesus what he thought they should do with her in front of everybody.
5. Why would they do this?
 - a. They were just trying to follow the law.
 - b. According to 8:6, they wanted to trap Jesus.
 - c. They wanted to put Jesus in a difficult position. He either had to sentence her personally to death or go against the law. Either way, they had him and got they wanted. Either he would advise breaking the law and they could hold him guilty or he would advise punishment and look bad (mean) in front of all of those listening to his teaching.
6. What would you have done, if you were Jesus (tell the truth)? _____
7. What did Jesus do, according to 8:6-8?
 - a. He bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger...wait, what was he writing?
 - b. He said "Let anyone who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
 - c. He wrote on the ground some more.
8. How did those who had brought the woman to Jesus respond, according to 8:9? _____

9. What did Jesus do next, according to 8:10-11?
 - a. He refused to condemn her.
 - b. He told her to "go and leave your life of sin."
10. Why is this story important to our understanding of Jesus's ministry and our response to sin today?

¹Carson, D. A.: *New Bible Commentary : 21st Century Edition*. 4th ed. Leicester, England; Downers Grove, Ill., USA : Inter-Varsity Press, 1994, S. Jn 7:53

²Wiersbe, Warren W.: *The Bible Exposition Commentary*. Wheaton, Ill. : Victor Books, 1996, c1989, S. Jn 7:37