

**John 8:1–5 (NLT)** Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, <sup>2</sup> but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. <sup>4</sup> “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

It is only because of the compassion of God that we can enjoy a relationship with Him compared to standing in condemnation before Him.

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For the Pharisee’s the real person on trial was Jesus.

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**Isaiah 55:8–9 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup> “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. <sup>9</sup> For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

**James 2:13 (NKJV)** For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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**Galatians 3:19 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised . . .

**Romans 6:23 (NLT)** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 8:9–11 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” <sup>11</sup> “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

Jesus paid the price for our sin. Mercy triumphed over judgement.

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**Matthew 9:2 (NLT)** Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.”

**John 3:16–17 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.