

Read this passage carefully and imagine you are the woman. Try to express your feelings throughout this incident, from beginning to end.

Read it through again and imagine you are one of the accusers. Try to express your feelings from this perspective

Read through a final time as if you were Jesus. Try to imagine what was going through his mind and how he decided on his response to this challenging situation.

Bible Passage - From *John 8: verses 3-11*

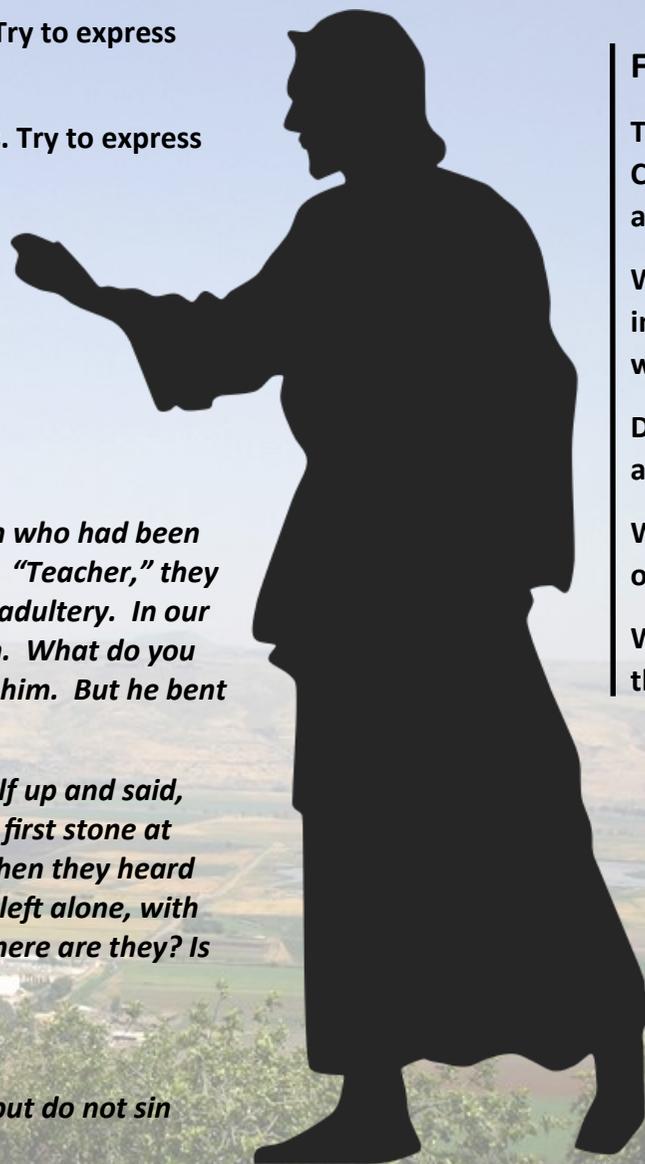
The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and stood her before them all. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "she was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In our Law Moses said that such a woman must be stoned to death. What do you say?" They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger.

As they stood there asking questions, he straightened himself up and said, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman. He straightened himself up and said to her, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?"

"No one, sir," she answered.

"Well, then," Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again."

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Further thoughts:

The Laws of Moses include the ten Commandments, which one are the accusers referring to?

Why was the *man* involved in this incident not brought to Jesus as well?

Did Jesus react in the way the accusers expected?

What do you think Jesus was writing on the ground?

Why do you think that John wrote that they were trying to trap Jesus?