

Jesus defends us

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The Gospel of John

- **Jesus is God**
- **Jesus and the Woman at the Well**
- **Jesus and the Man at the Pool**
- **Jesus, the Bread of Life**



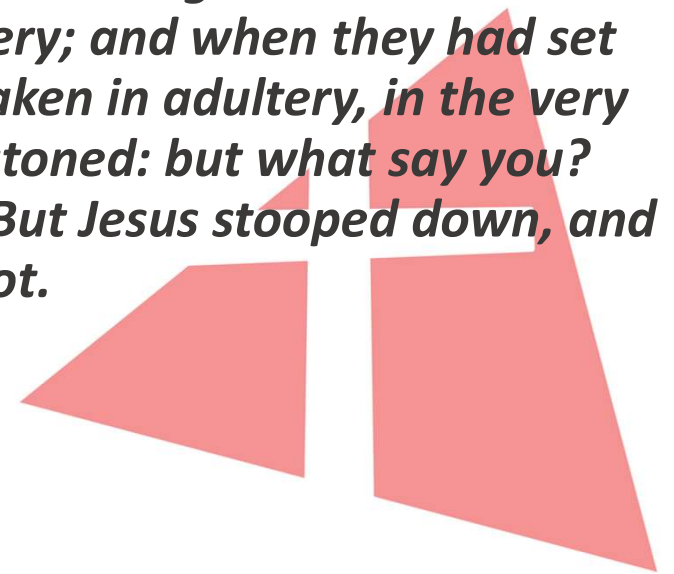
Today's Focus

- **Jesus defends us**



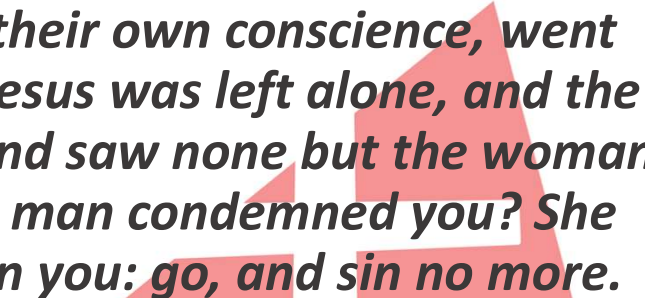
The Woman caught in adultery

John 8:1-11 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They said unto him, Teacher, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what say you? This they said, testing him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.



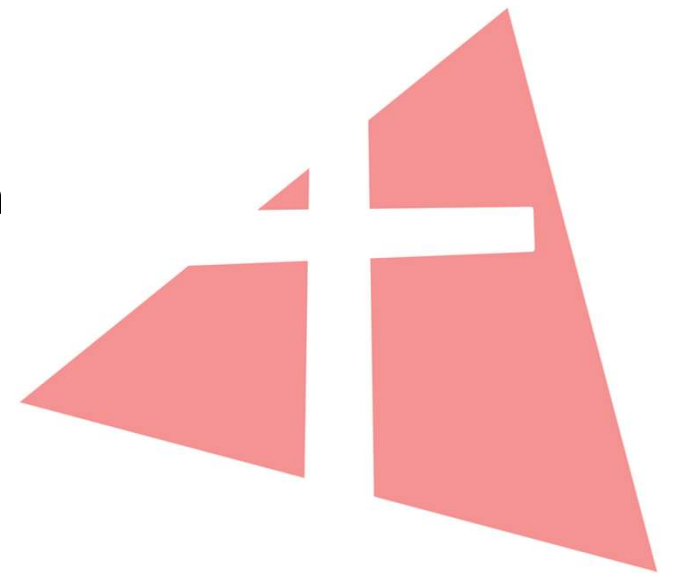
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So when they continued asking him, he lifted himself up, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they who heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing before him. When Jesus had lifted himself up, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those your accusers? has no man condemned you? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn you: go, and sin no more.



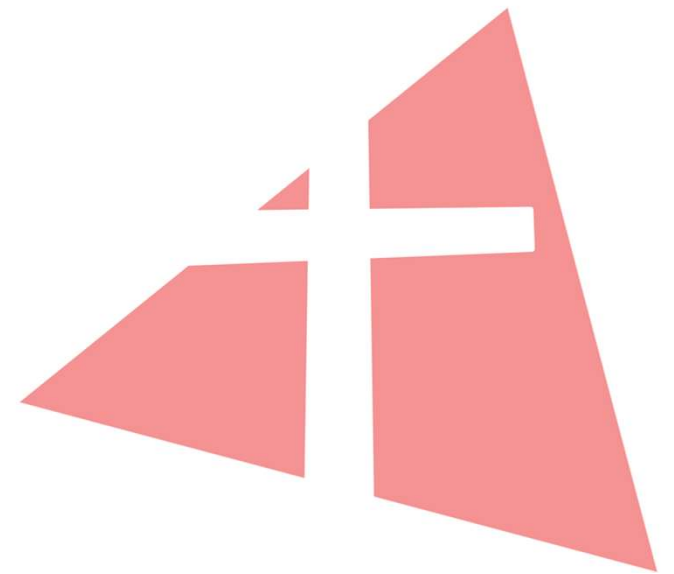
The Woman

- She sinned
- Her sin was publicly exposed
- She was probably being humiliated for someone else's agenda



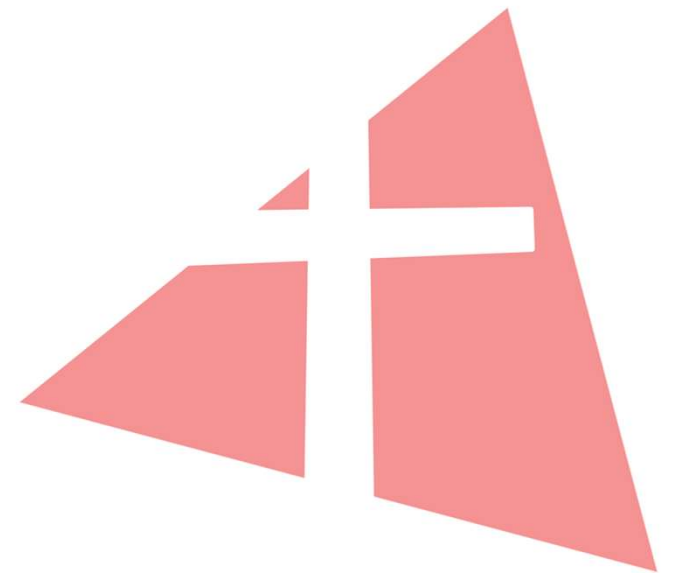
Jesus' Response

- **Protection from accusations**



Jesus' Response

- **Forgiveness and restoration**



Jesus' Response

- **A command**



What is Jesus doing?

- **Jesus claims His authority back**



The Proud and the Humble

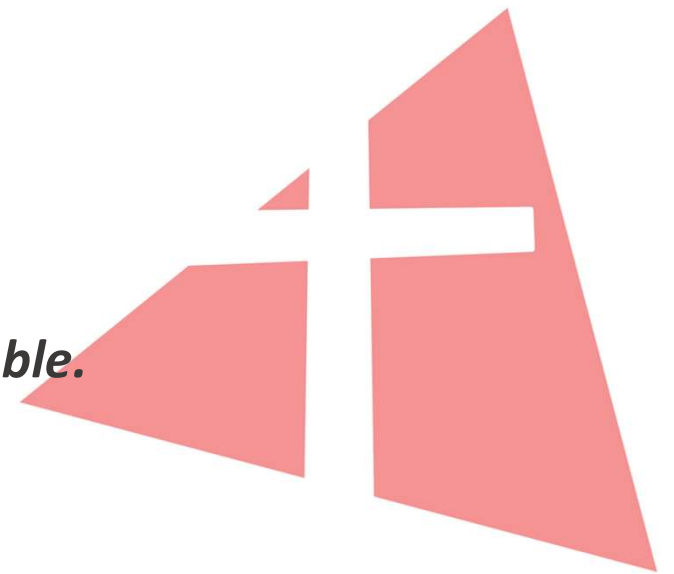
○ In this world

- The Pharisees were self-righteous
- The woman was “not good enough”

○ Jesus' Response

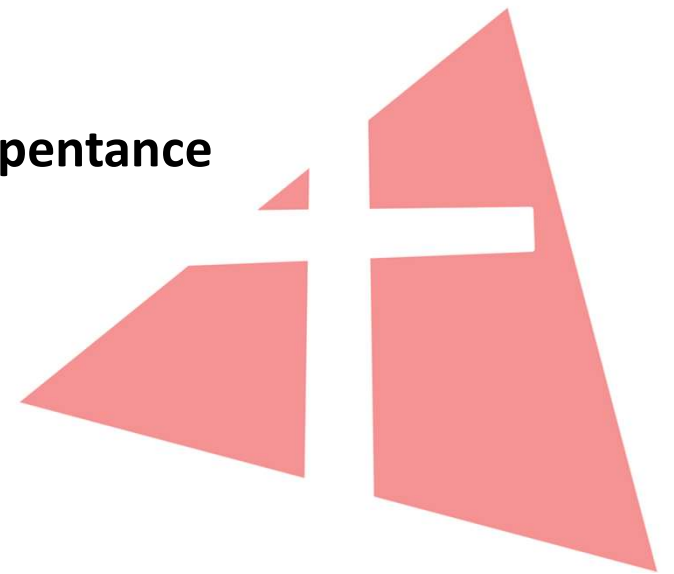
- He opposes the proud
- He defends those who are oppressed and rejected

James 4:6 ... God resists the proud, but gives grace unto the humble.



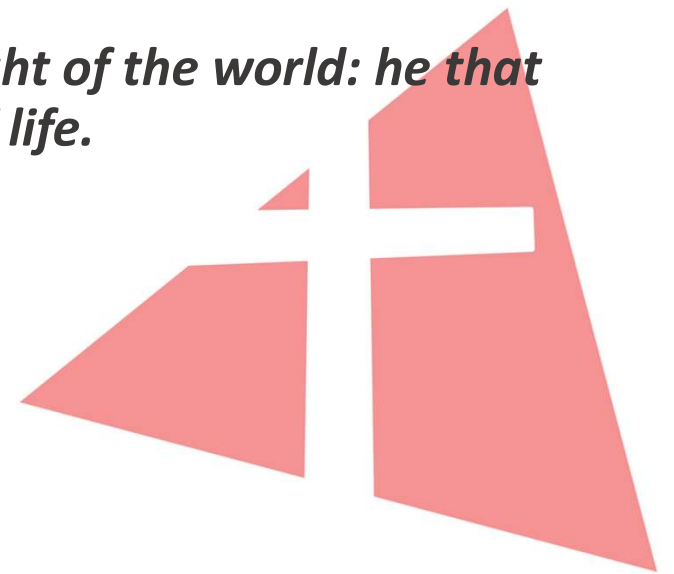
What did the woman have to do?

- She didn't have to express her repentance
- Through the worldly condemnations she was already led to repentance



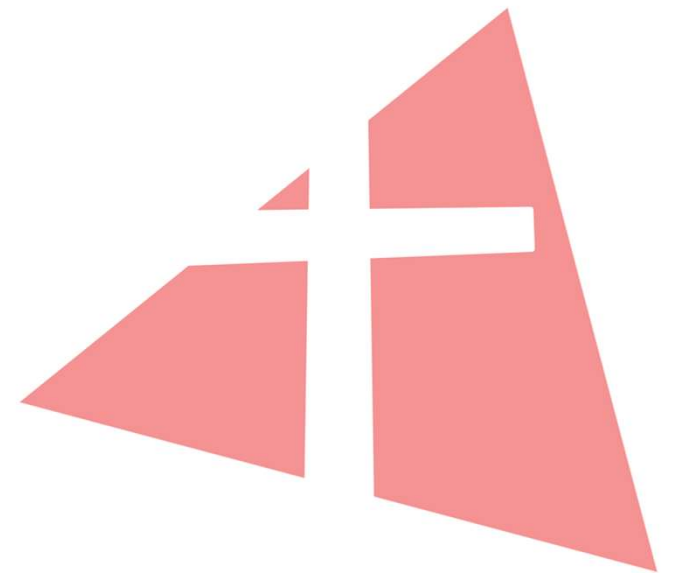
Jesus' Conclusion

John 8:12 Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.



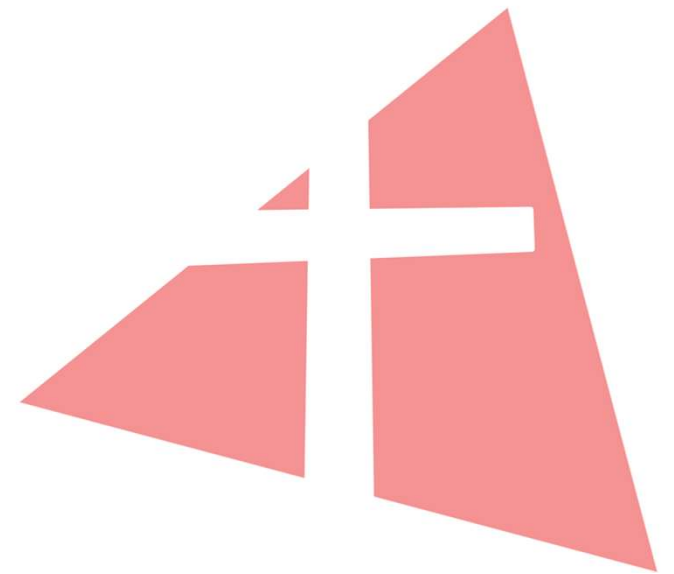
Application

- **This story is about how Jesus deals with**
 - Our darkest parts
 - Accusations from this world



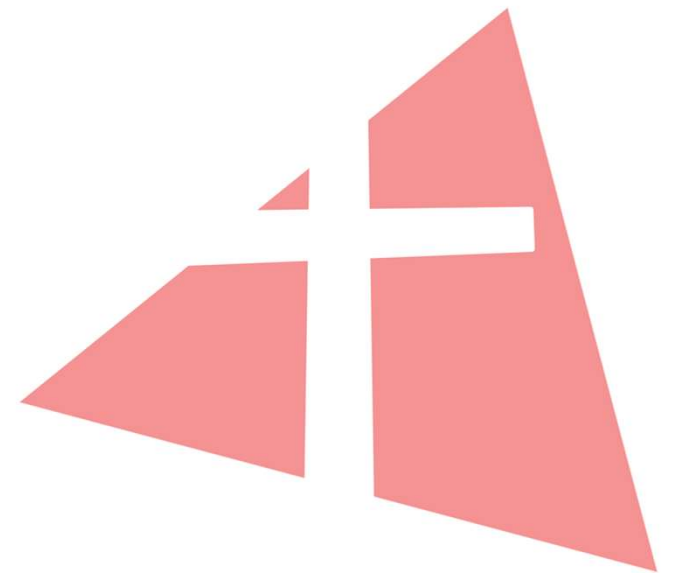
Application

- **Jesus defends us from accusations from this world**
 - Worldly attacks might still be happening
 - But Jesus defends our soul



Application

- **We cannot simply “not believe lies”**
- **We have to replace lies with God’s Truth**



Application

- **Jesus wants us to cover other people's sins, not expose them**



In Conclusion

- **Jesus wants to speak our true identity, worth and value to our hearts and souls**

