

The **Messiah** and the **Adulteress**

(John 8:1-11)

A. The **Teacher** (8:1-2)

But **Jesus** went to the **Mount of Olives**.
Early in the morning He came **again** to the **temple**,
and all the **people** were **coming to Him**;
and **He sat down** and *began* to **teach** them.

B. The **Test** (8:3-6)

The **scribes** and the **Pharisees** brought a **woman** caught in **adultery**,
and having set her in the **midst**, they said to **Him**,

“**Teacher**, this **woman** has been caught in **adultery**, in the **very act**.
Now in the **Law Moses commanded us** to **stone** such women;
what then do **You say**?”

They were saying this, **testing Him**,
so that they might have **grounds** for **accusing Him**.
But **Jesus** stooped down and with **His finger wrote** on the **ground**.

C. The **Tactful Response** (8:7-8)

But when they **persisted** in asking **Him**,
He straightened up, and said to them,

“**He** who is **without sin** among **you**,
let **him** *be the first* to throw a **stone at her**.”
Again **He** stooped down and **wrote** on the **ground**.

D. The **Turnaround** of the **Accusers** (8:9)

When they **heard it**, they *began* to **go out one** by **one**,
beginning with the **older ones**, and **He** was left **alone**,
and the **woman**, where she was, in the **midst**.

E. The **Tender Admonition** (8:10-11)

Straightening up, **Jesus** said to **her**,
“**Woman**, where are they? Did **no one** condemn you?”

She said, “**No one, Lord**.”
And **Jesus** said,
“**Neither do I** condemn you; go.
From now on ***sin no more***.”

Summary Observations **Jesus and the Adulteress—** *A Portrait* of the Coming Messiah

1. According to the *Scriptures*, the **Messiah** would be a **Teacher**.

Now it will come about that in the **last days**
the **mountain** of the **house of the LORD** will be established
as the **chief** of the **mountains**, and will be **raised above the hills**;
and all the **nations** will stream to it.

And **many peoples** will come and say,
“Come, let us **go up** to the **mountain of the LORD**,
to the **house of the God of Jacob**;
that **He** may **teach us** concerning **His ways**
and that we may **walk in His paths**.”

For the **law** will go forth from **Zion** and the **word of the LORD**
from **Jerusalem**. (Isaiah 2:2-3)

“In the future the **Holy One**, blessed be **He**,
will seat the **Messiah** in the supernal **Yeshiva** (House of **Study**),
and they will call him “**the Lord**,” just as they call the **Creator**...

And the **Messiah** will sit in the **Yeshiva**,
and all those who walk on **earth** will come and **sit** before him
to hear a **new Tora** and **new commandments**
and the **deep wisdom** which **he teaches Israel**...”
(Yemenite Midrash, pp. 349-50,
The Messiah Texts, Raphael Patai, pp. 256-257)

Now there was a man of the **Pharisees**, named **Nicodemus**,
a **ruler of the Jews**; this man came to **Jesus** by night and said to Him,

“**Rabbi**, we know that **You** have come **from God** as a **teacher**;
for **no one** can do these **signs** that **You do** unless **God is with him**.”
(John 3:1-2)

2. According to the *Scriptures*, the **Messiah** would have a **ministry**
characterized by Wisdom.

Then a **shoot** will spring from the **stem of Jesse**,
and a **branch** from his **roots** will **bear fruit**.
The **Spirit of the LORD** will rest on Him,

the **spirit of wisdom** and **understanding**,
the **spirit of counsel** and **strength**
the **spirit of knowledge** and **fear of the LORD**. (Isaiah 11:1-2)

He (Jesus) came to His hometown and *began teaching them*
in their synagogue, so that they were **astonished**, and said,
“**Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?**
(Matthew 13:54)

3. According to the *Scriptures*, the **Messiah** would have a **ministry**
characterized by Compassion and Mercy.

The **Spirit** of the **LORD GOD** is upon me,
because the **LORD** has **anointed me**, to bring
good news to the **afflicted**;
He has sent me to **bind up** the **brokenhearted**,
to proclaim **liberty** to the **captives** and **freedom** to **prisoners**;
to proclaim the **favorable year** of the **LORD**...
to **comfort** all who **mourn**,..
(Isaiah 61:1-2)

When **Jesus** went ashore, **He** saw a **large crowd**, and **He** felt **compassion**
for them because they were like **sheep without a shepherd**;
and **He** began to **teach them** many things. (Mark 6:34)

“For the **Law** was given through **Moses**;
grace and **truth** were **realized** through **Jesus the Messiah**.” (John 1:17)

4. According to the *Scriptures*, the **Messiah** would be **characterized**
by **Righteousness**.

“Behold, *the days* are coming,” declares the **LORD**,
“When I will **raise up** for **David** a **righteous Branch**;
And **He** will **reign** as **king** and act **wisely**
And do **justice** and **righteousness** in the land. (Jeremiah 23:5)

Then a **shoot** will spring from the **stem of Jesse**, and a **branch**
from **his roots** will **bear fruit**.
The **Spirit** of the **LORD** will **rest on Him**,..

...and **He** will **not judge** by what **His eyes see**, nor make a
decision by what **His ears hear**;
but with **righteousness** **He** will **judge the poor**,
and decide with **fairness** for the **afflicted** of the **earth**; (Isaiah 11:1, 3-4)

And **Jesus** said (to the **adulteress**), “**Neither do I condemn you**; go.
From now on **sin no more**.” (John 8:11)

The **God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**, the **God of our fathers**,
has **glorified His servant Jesus**, *the one* whom you **delivered**
and **disowned** in the presence of **Pilate**,
when he had decided to **release Him**.

But you **disowned** the **Holy** and **Righteous One**
and asked for a **murderer** to be granted to you, (Acts 3:13-14)

Personal Application

So *who* can we **relate to** in this text tonight?

→ The **adulterous woman**. Like her, **we too** have been:

→ *Arraigned* as an “**Adulterer**”

You **adulteresses**, do you not know that **friendship** with the **world** is **hostility toward God**?...(James 4:4a)

And **you** were **dead** in your **trespasses and sins**, in which **you** formerly walked according to the **course of this world**, according to the **prince** of the **power of the air**, of the **spirit** that is now working in the **sons of disobedience** (Ephesians 2:1-2)

→ *Accused* by powerful **Adversaries**

Then I heard a loud voice in **heaven**, saying, “Now the **salvation**, and the **power**, and the **kingdom of our God** and the **authority of His Messiah** have come, for the **accuser** of our **brethren** has been **thrown down**, he who **accuses them** before **our God day and night**.” (Revelation 12:10)

→ *Acquitted* by a divine **Advocate**

My little children, I am writing these things to **you** so that **you** may **not sin**. And if **anyone sins**, we have an **Advocate** with the **Father, Jesus the Messiah the righteous**; and **He Himself** is the **propitiation** for our **sins**;.. (I John 2:1-2a)

→ *Admonished* to walk in **Righteousness**

Now **flee** from **youthful lusts** and **pursue righteousness**, **faith, love and peace**, with **those** who call on **the Lord** with a **pure heart**. (II Timothy 2:22)

Closing Comments