



# Walking With the Savior

## Through An Eyewitness Account of John

**John**, one of the sons of Zebedee, stood as an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. He began his journey as a fisherman, leaving behind his nets and the future he had planned for himself to follow a teacher, a prophet, and a miracle worker. At the outset, John did not fully understand who Jesus was or what lay ahead. In faith, he aligned himself with Jesus, drawn by His words and deeds.

As John walked alongside Jesus, witnessing His teachings and miracles, he gradually realized that Jesus was far more than a prophet or a remarkable teacher. John came to understand that Jesus was God in the flesh. This revelation was not just a turning point for John personally, but a moment of eternal significance. By choosing to follow Jesus, John's future was forever changed, and his decision would go on to impact the world—not only in his own time but throughout every generation to come. **Let's embark on an inspiring journey with John as we walk alongside Jesus.**

## Background Matters

Caught in adultery (8:3). There almost certainly must have been a trap set for the woman. Jewish law required that two witnesses actually see the physical act in order to convict someone of adultery. But the equally guilty man was not arrested—someone let him escape. Also, the woman's husband was curiously absent from this scene.

Further, Jewish procedure dictated that a person must be warned once and given a chance to repent before action was taken, but there is no hint of a warning. Finally, there was no need, other than vindictiveness against the woman, that she be brought into the temple courts for a public accusation.

The scene was also a trap (8:6) for Jesus. The Law of Moses commanded that the Jews stone not only such women (8:5)—the accusers deliberately used the feminine form—but also the men involved (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22). The legal experts ignored that aspect of the Law. They also ignored the woman's right to a formal trial and execution, not merely stoning by a lynch



mob. Jesus' views on the Law were well known, and the accusers were probably confident that He would not endorse a death penalty for adultery with no chance for mercy. If He refused to pass any judgment, the woman would be stoned, and He would be tacitly responsible. But if He declared that she should not be stoned, then He could be accused of teaching against the Law.

Write (8:6). At first Jesus does ignore the accusers. Many people have speculated about what Jesus wrote in the dust, but there is no way of knowing. He may have written what He later spoke (8:7); it was customary for Roman judges first to write their sentences and then read them aloud. He may have written something from the Law, such as Exodus 23:1.<sup>1</sup>

## **This week in "Walking With the Savior"**

*As the vibrant celebrations of the Feast of Tabernacles approached their conclusion, a deep tension hung in the air. The religious leaders, frustrated and dissatisfied in their attempts to arrest Jesus, watched him closely, knowing that their opportunity was slipping away. Despite the mounting pressure, Jesus chose to remain, spending the night in quiet contemplation and preparation for another day of teaching, His resolve unwavering.*

*Meanwhile, within the shadowy corners of the temple, the religious leaders conspired, their hearts filled with malice. They devised a plot to ensnare Him using the figure of a woman caught in the act of adultery—an act they believed would ignite a confrontation. They aimed to provoke Jesus into openly contradicting Moses and the sacred teachings of the law, believing that such a transgression would finally discredit Him in the eyes of the crowd.*

*What they did not realize was that this brewing conspiracy was destined to transform into one of the most profound teaching moments for the Master. As He prepared to face this challenge, the stage was set for another captivating display of wisdom that would challenge the hearts and minds of even the most reluctant of His students.*

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<sup>1</sup> The Navigators, LifeChange: John, ed. Karen Lee-Thorp, The LifeChange Bible Study Series (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2010), 101–102.



## **Study Guide 25**

*This study guide presents daily assignments that are specifically crafted to enhance your growth in the Word. Embrace each moment to meditate and reflect, and watch as your spiritual maturity flourishes through your dedicated efforts.*

### **CONSPIRACY IN THE MAKING**

#### **A Woman Caught in Adultery**

#### **John 7:53–8:11**

Topics:

Accusation, Adultery, Failure, Faults, Forgiveness, Hypocrisy, Immorality, Jesus Christ, Judging Others, Legalism, Punishment, Self-righteousness, Sin

**Open It, Mondays.** Open your heart and mind to the truth of the Word.

1. What do you think is the biggest challenge to marriages today?

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**Explore It, Tuesdays,** keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

2. Where did Jesus go? (8:1)

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3. What did Jesus sit down to do in the temple courts? (8:2)

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4. Whom did the Pharisees bring before Jesus? (8:3–4)

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5. \*What did the Law of Moses say should happen to the woman caught in adultery? (8:5)

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6. Why did the Pharisees bring the woman before Jesus? (8:6)

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7. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees' question? (8:6-8)

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8. \*Why did Jesus issue a challenge to the Pharisees? (8:7)

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**Push on Wednesday**, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

9. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' challenge? (8:9)

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10. What did Jesus ask the woman? (8:10)

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11. \*What did Jesus tell the woman to do? (8:11)

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12. \*Which sins do we tend to categorize as "big" sins (those that are worse than all others)?

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13. Why do we rush to point out other people's sin?

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14. Which sins do you think God classifies as "big" sins?

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15. How do we treat people who have fallen into one of the so-called “big” sins?

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**Get It Thursdays**, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

16. \*How should we treat people who have sinned?

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17. About what do you tend to be self-righteous?

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18. What should we do when we’ve sinned?

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19. How can you challenge a friend or family member caught in sin to sin no more?

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**Drive it Home, Fridays**, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

20. Away from what bad habit or tendency do you need to take the first step today?

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21. \*What self-righteous attitude will you ask God to change in your prayers this week?

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