

Text: John 7:53—8:11  
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## **The Compassionate Christ**

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Textual Critical Study of John 7:53—8:11:

1) Our Lord's Availability to All People (7:53—8:2)

2) Our Lord's Disdain for the Self-righteous (3—8)

3) Our Lord's Compassion for Sinners (8:9—11)

## Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see the areas of your life that need change.

1. This morning you heard a lot of information on textual criticism as it relates to the Bible as a whole, but more specifically to John 7:53—8:11. Is this the first time that you've heard such teaching? How does this make you feel about the Bible? Does it cause you to question some things more than it did or did the evidences presented affirm in your mind the accuracy of Scripture?

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2. Probably two of the most quoted verses in the Bible in our day and age is John 8:7 and Matt. 7:1. If you were sharing the gospel with someone and they accused you of being judgmental and quoted these two verses what would you say in response? How do these verses relate to Matthew 18:15ff? Also, look at what follows in Matt. 7 in verse 1.

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3. Our Lord certainly showed great compassion in a number of situations in the gospel accounts. What situation stands out to you? What types of circumstances did the Lord take the opportunity to demonstrate compassion? In what ways today can we emulate His show of compassion?

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4. Jesus told the woman in verse 11 that He did not condemn her. It is rather obvious that she in fact had committed adultery, because the question never arises of her guilt or innocence. How can the Lord Himself not condemn someone that had violated the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment? And how can He not pronounce punishment on her if she did in fact violate the Law of Moses? Doesn't the law call for her execution? Explain.

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5. What are some additional thoughts and/or application from this morning's lesson? What does this passage teach you about the nature of man and about the nature of God?

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