

FUSION Q's... John Part 8 – Who is this Guy?

Discussion Questions

Review

Q1. In your opinion, who is the best teacher you have ever had? Explain.

Q2. In John 7:7, Jesus says that the world hates him because he accuses it of doing evil. Why do you think Jesus thought it was important to point out how sinful and evil we are?

Q3. In the passage we went through today, the people were continually whispering, "who is this guy?" to each other. Some thought he was demon-possessed, others thought he was crazy and wanted him arrested, and a few others believed he was who he said he was (God's Son). Who do you think Jesus was?

Q4. If Jesus was who he claimed to be (God) and had the signs to prove it, how should that affect your life 2000 years later?

Changing Gears... Read John 8:1-11

As usual, the Pharisees devise another plan to try and trap Jesus. The Law of Moses states that a woman caught in adultery should be stoned to death for her sin. Roman law, however, forbid the Jews from carrying out capital punishment themselves. If Jesus obeyed the Law of Moses, he would be guilty of breaking Roman law. If he submitted to Roman law, he would be guilty of breaking the Law of Moses and would sin against God. But Jesus, with his sweet smartitude, outwits the evil Pharisees and beats them at their own game.

Q5. What do you think Jesus wrote in the dust?

Q6. Why do you think Jesus didn't condemn the woman as she was obviously guilty of adultery and the penalty was death?

Q7. We get a foretaste of what Jesus was going to do in this passage with sin. He forgave her knowing that he would pay for her sin on the cross very soon; however, he didn't let her completely off the hook as he says "go and sin no more" or in other words "stop living your sinful lifestyle". Why do you think Jesus said this to the woman?

Q8. Jesus does the same thing for us as he did for this woman – he offers to forgive your sin and give you a new start. How should you live your life in response to his grace and forgiveness?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

John 8:1-11 (NLT)

¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." .