



Part 1: *Grace under Fire*

Jesus came into this world to save sinners, outcasts, and religious rejects. Then he called his followers to continue his mission and spread his message of grace. –

– Robert Bilmont, *BCV Bible Commentary*

This section dealing with the adulteress most likely was not part of the original contents of John.

– John MacArthur, *John MacArthur Bible Commentary*

Though there is debate about whether this passage was originally part of John's Gospel, the incident rings true to what we know of Jesus' character.

– Samuel M. Ngewa, *Africa Bible Commentary*

This story is a vivid, powerful story whose hold on the imagination of its readers is not diminished by its complicated canonical history. Indeed, it is probably one of the most popular New Testament stories.

– Gail R. O'Day, *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*

There is little reason for doubting that the event here described occurred, even if in its written form it did not in the beginning belong to the canonical books.

– D.A. Carson, *Pillar New Testament Commentary*

This story is not about the woman's sexual sin; rather, it is about the challenge to embedded religious authority that Jesus brings and the possibilities of new life that arise from that challenge.

– Gail R. O'Day, *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*

In this passage Jesus makes clear that there is room in the kingdom for every kind of sinner who turns from sin and embraces by faith the Lord Jesus.

– Robert H. Mounce, *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*

Christians are not perfect – Just forgiven. And because of the extent of God's forgiveness to us, we ought to be the least judgmental people in the world.

– Kenneth O. Gangel, *Holman New Testament Commentary*

Let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone.

– Jesus