













A close-up, high-contrast photograph of Jesus' face, focusing on his eyes and beard. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the texture of his skin and the depth of his gaze. The text "FACE TO FACE" is overlaid in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with the word "TO" in a smaller, outlined font.

FACE TO FACE

with *Jesus*

part 9

*Deserving Death,
Finding Mercy*

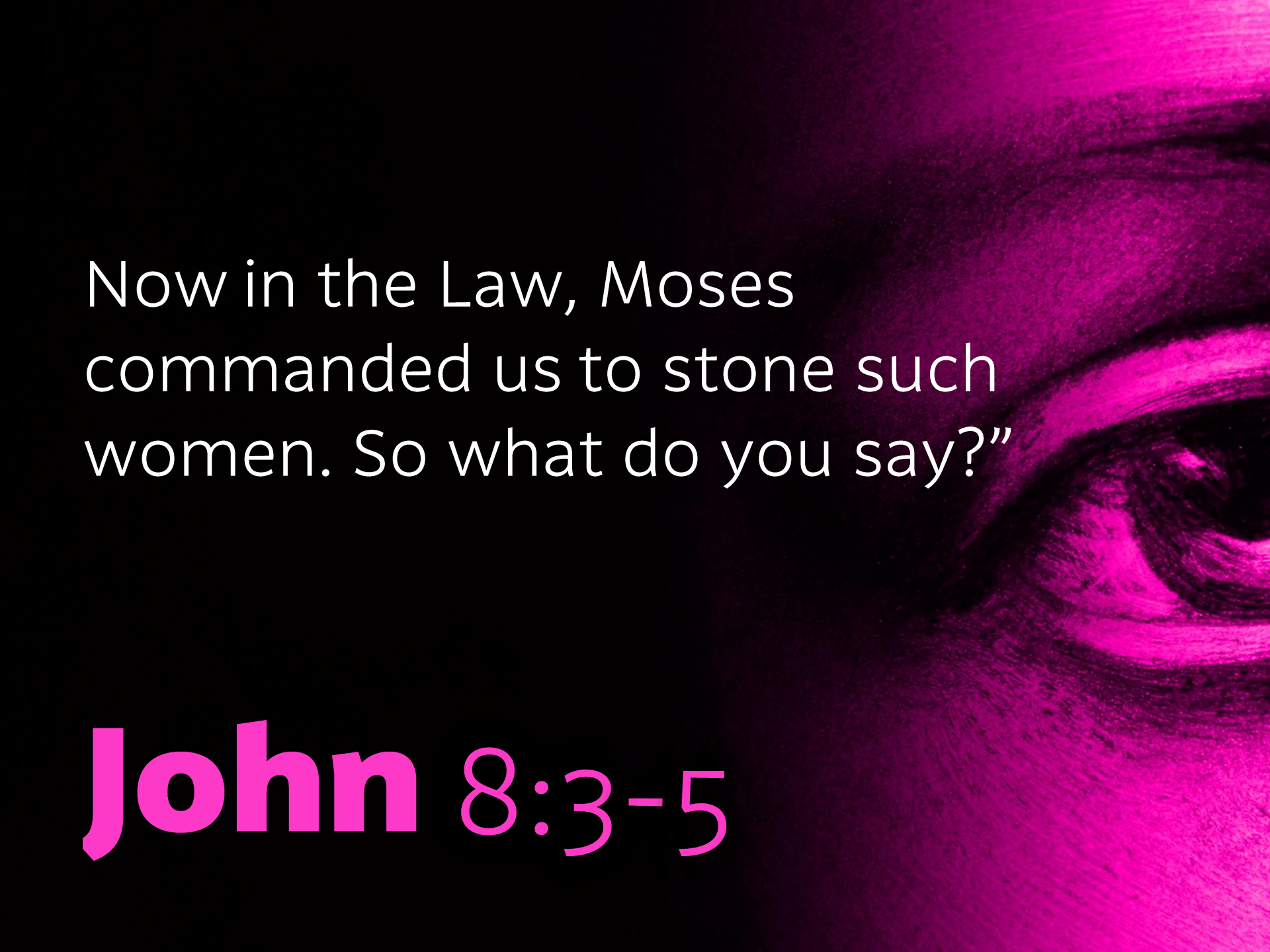


Jesus and the **woman**



The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.

John 8:3-5

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's eye, heavily tinted with a vibrant blue color. The eye is looking slightly to the right, and the surrounding skin and eyelashes are also bathed in the blue light, creating a dramatic and intense visual effect.

Now in the Law, Moses
commanded us to stone such
women. So what do you say?”

John 8:3-5

This they said to test him, that
they might have some charge
to bring against him.

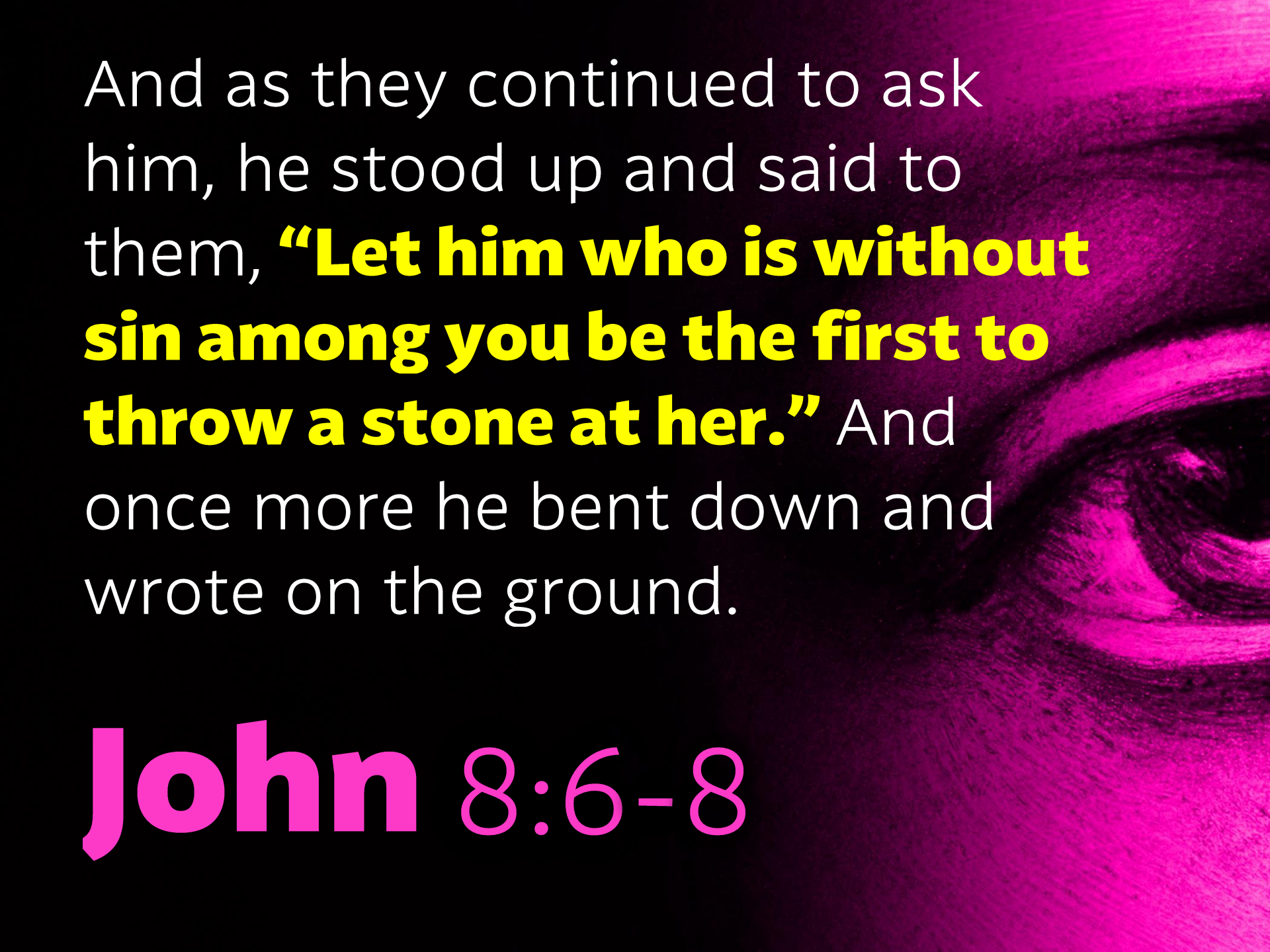
John 8:6

The dilemma



Jesus bent down and wrote
with his finger on the ground.

John 8:6-8

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's eye, heavily tinted with a vibrant purple or magenta color. The eye is looking slightly to the right, and the surrounding skin and eyelashes are also bathed in this monochromatic light, creating a dramatic and intense visual effect.

And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, **“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”** And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.

John 8:6-8

The distortion



Can we ever judge sin?

What about
judging?





Can we ever judge sin?

Not *racism*??

Not *assault*??

Not *child abuse*??

Not *murder*???

Can we ever judge sin?

John 8:24

1 Cor. 6:9-11

2 Timothy 2:18-19

Titus 1:11-13

Can we ever judge sin?

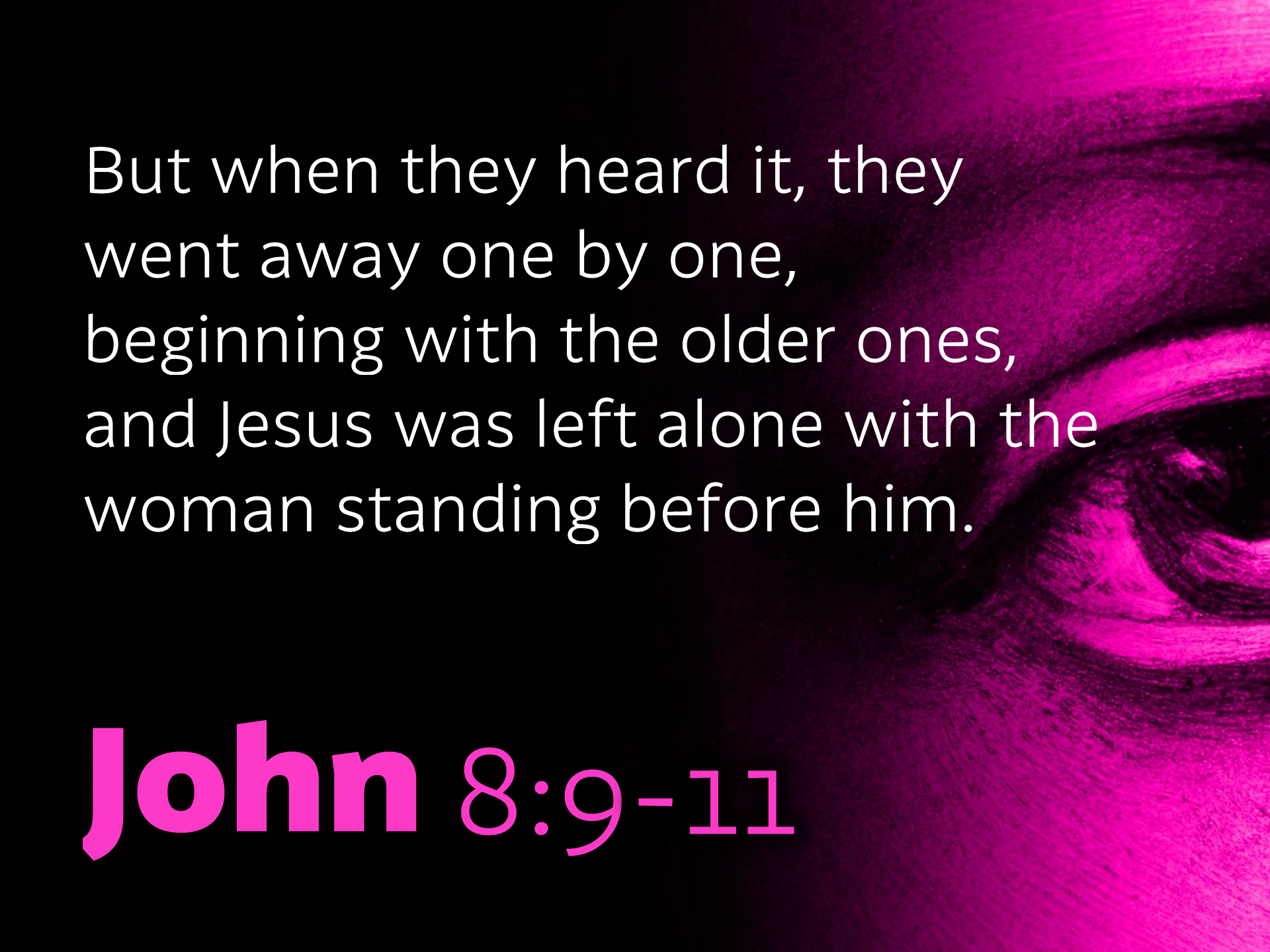
Matthew 22:29

Matthew 7:1-5



What is Jesus doing,
saying?





But when they heard it, they
went away one by one,
beginning with the older ones,
and Jesus was left alone with the
woman standing before him.

John 8:9-11

Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you."

John 8:9-11

A close-up, high-contrast image of a person's eye, rendered in a monochromatic purple/pink hue. The eye is looking slightly to the right, and the texture of the skin and iris is visible. This image serves as the background for the text.

“Go, and from now on
sin no more.”

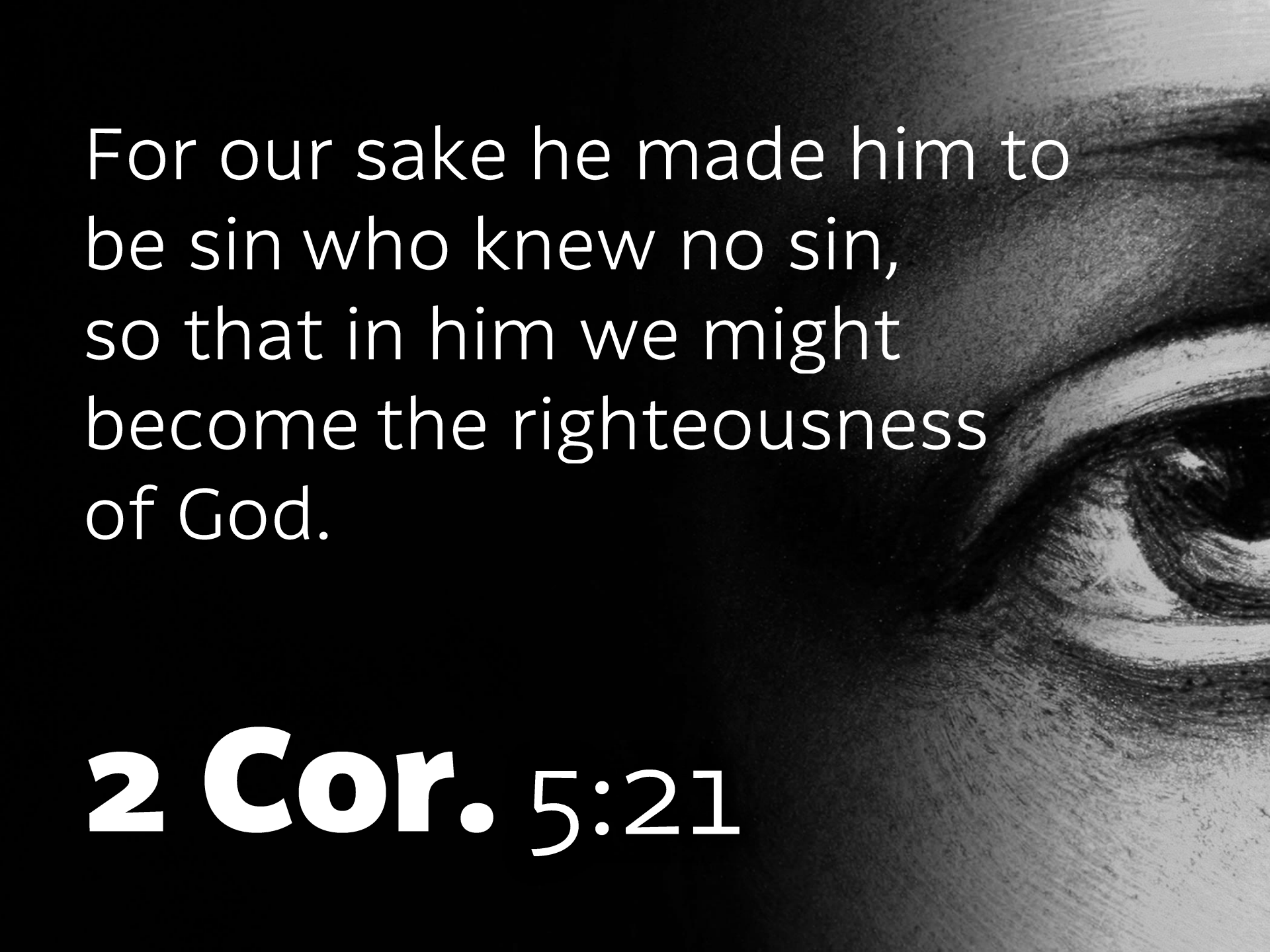
John 8:9-11

Jesus and us



How we are to be
treated





For our sake he made him to
be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might
become the righteousness
of God.

2 Cor. 5:21

How we are to
treat others





Can we...
uphold the law

and still be
**compassionate to
sinners?**



What kind of church
are we?

What kind of Christian
am I?

