



Jesus

Our Advocate

Read the Verse

An Advocate

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1. to speak or write in favor of; support or urge by argument; recommend publicly:
2. a person who speaks or writes in support or defense of a person, cause, etc.
3. a person who pleads for or in behalf of another; intercessor.

Jesus is an advocate. . .

- Read the story of the woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

Reflect. . .

- What kind of feelings did this passage stir up?
- In this story, Jesus advocated for the woman. He stepped in & rescued her, fought for her life when no one else would.
- What area of your life do you need an advocate?
- What would do you long for Jesus to say on your behalf? Write it in the space below:

Think. . .

- Have you known pain? Jesus knows pain. John 15:20-25 "...if they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."
- Have you known rejection? Jesus knows rejection. Luke 17:25 "...first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation."
- Do you need a good protective big brother? We are his brothers & sisters. "Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That's why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters." Hebrews 2:11
- Does your heart long for a true friend? Jesus calls us friends "I call you friends..." John 15
- Do you need someone to pray for you? "Jesus Christ, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is interceding for us." Romans 8:34