



Gospel of John

2-5-23

- 1a In the Beginning – Love from Eternal Past
- 1b Come & See – Love Calls Forth Disciples
- 2-3 Everyone Who Believes – God Loved World
- 4 But Whoever Drinks – Love the Living Water
- 5 Pick Up Your Mat – Loving the Lonely
- 6 I Am Bread – Love the Bread of Life
- 7 He Sent Me – Love Father Who Sent His Son
- 8 I Am the **LIGHT**
- 9 You Have Seen Me
- 10 I Know My Own
- 11 I Am the Resurrection

8:12 I am the
Light of the World

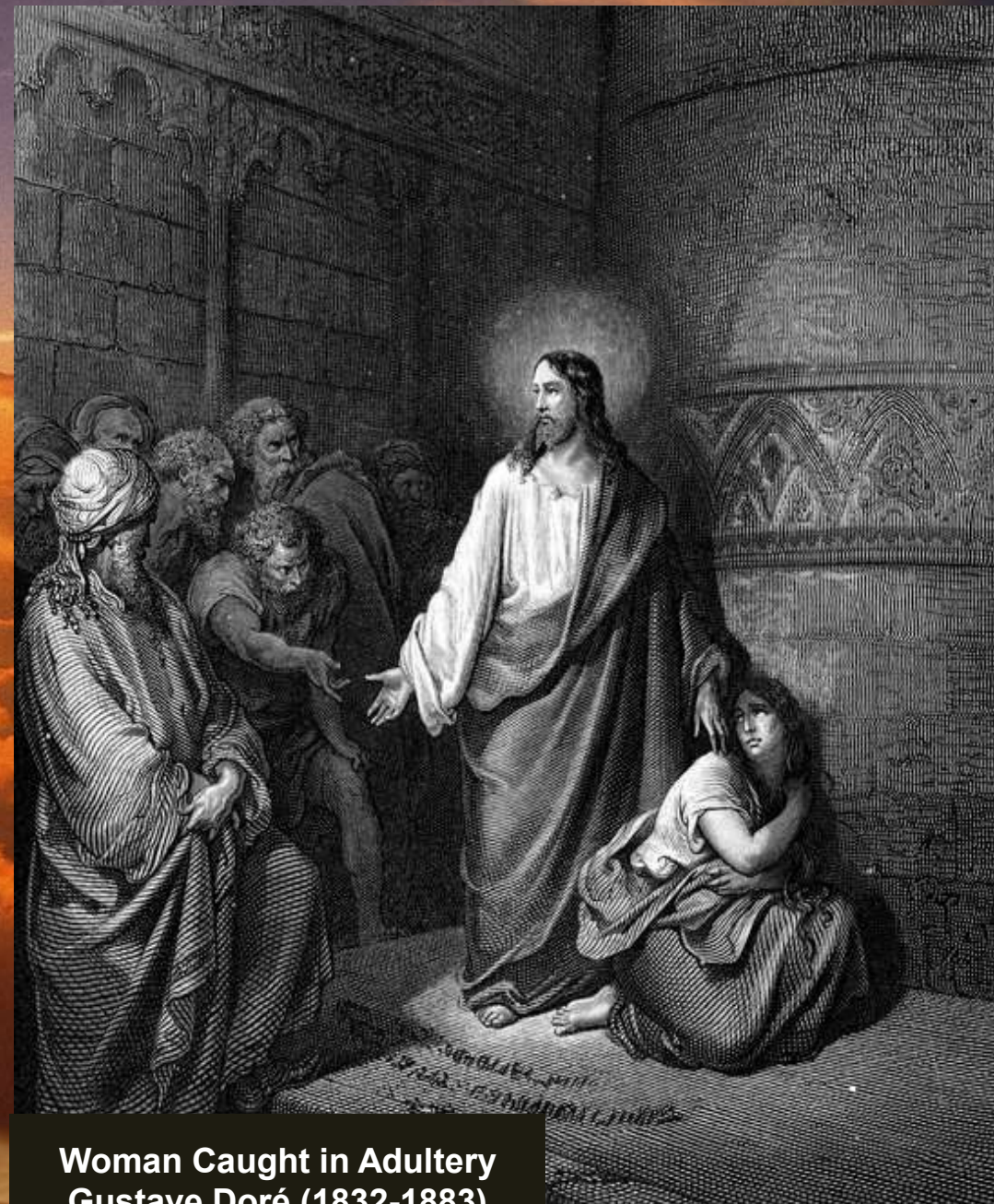
Love the Light

John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

Woman Caught in Adultery
Gustave Doré (1832-1883)

**Jesus SAVES a woman
caught in adultery ...
IF ... if SHE had a theme song ...
It would be Debbie Boone's 1977
You Light Up My Life**

**So many nights
I'd sit by my window
Waiting for someone
to sing me his song
So many dreams
I kept deep inside me
Alone in the dark
but now you've come along**



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John 7 closed with Nicodemus
defending the LAW in Jerusalem
7:53 **“They all go home.”**

John 8 opens ... Jesus goes to
the Mount of Olives

Just across the valley from Temple Mount
Spends the night somewhere

John 8:1 opens with Jesus

RETURNING to the temple

People gathered to hear him teach

Criminy ... WHAT was he teaching?



Jesus SAVES Woman
caught in Adultery ...

Very serious time ...

For the WOMAN ...

And for us, too

Of course, *THEN*

It's always the

Woman's FAULT

Listen to

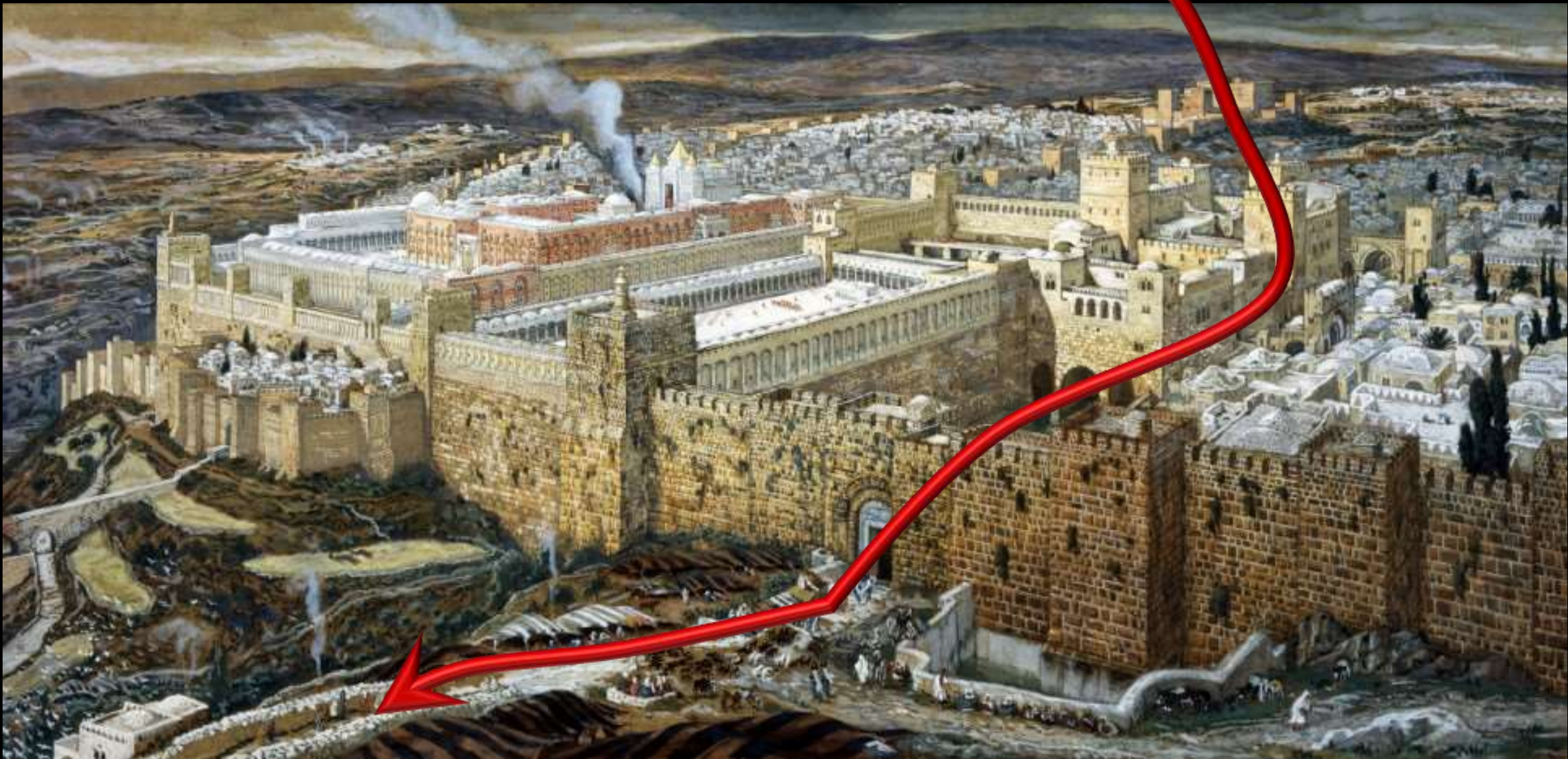
June Carter

on Faron's

New Cadillac



Where did Jesus walk ... and teach? ... unafraid in the Temple!
Crossed the valley to the Mount of Olives



Mount of Olives TODAY . . . *as viewed* from the Temple Mount
Don't forget John 7 ... Jewish leaders want to **KILL him**
Don't know ... suppose **LEADERS want to **LEGALLY KILL****
Deuteronomy 17 required **TWO (2) witnesses to execute**



John 8:2 At dawn, Jesus appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him ... he sat down to teach them.

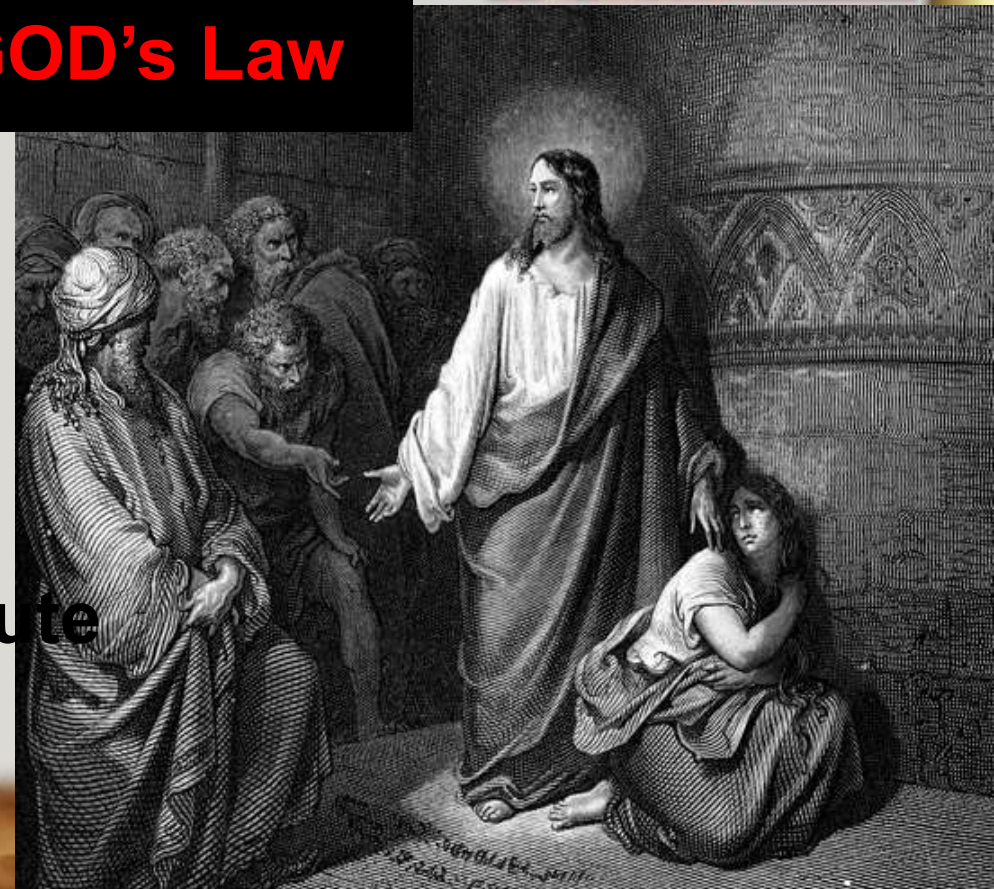
3 Teachers of THE Law and the Pharisees

Experts in 550 yrs Legal Heritage of GOD's Law

**brought in a woman
caught in adultery**

**They made her stand
before the group**

**Duet. 17 required 2 witnesses to execute
We cannot conceive woman's ***FEAR*****



To us today in 2023 USA America
Story is FILLED with injustices

- ✓ Where's the man
- ✓ Where's the evidence
- ✓ Where's the court

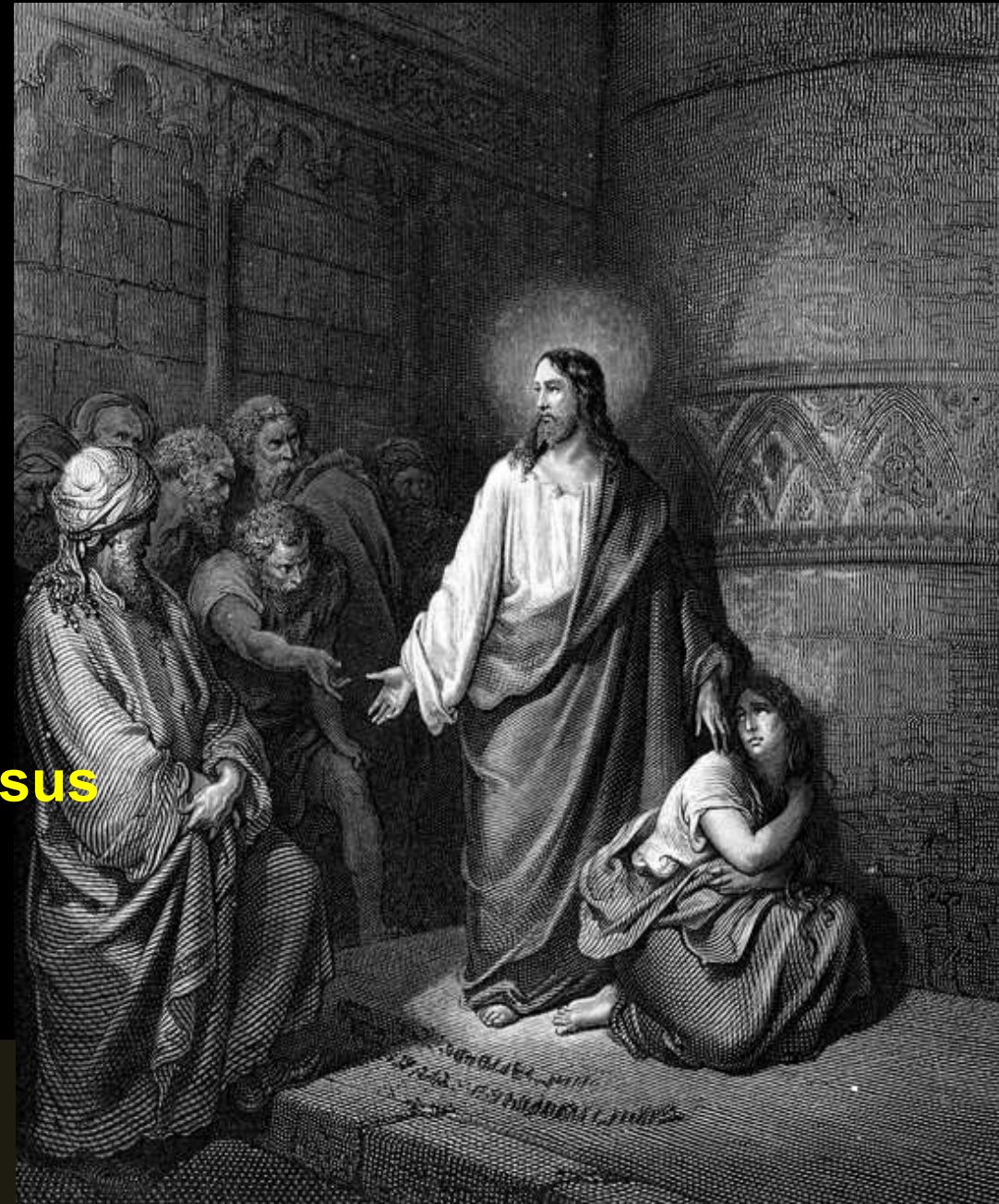
Attempted SABOTAGE is obvious

- ✓ Depended on Jesus' Love & Mercy
- ✓ Trap Jesus' Mercy to KILL Woman
- ✓ Use "LAW to Execute" to Arrest Jesus

How many times did these PASTORS

Do This to **Women?**

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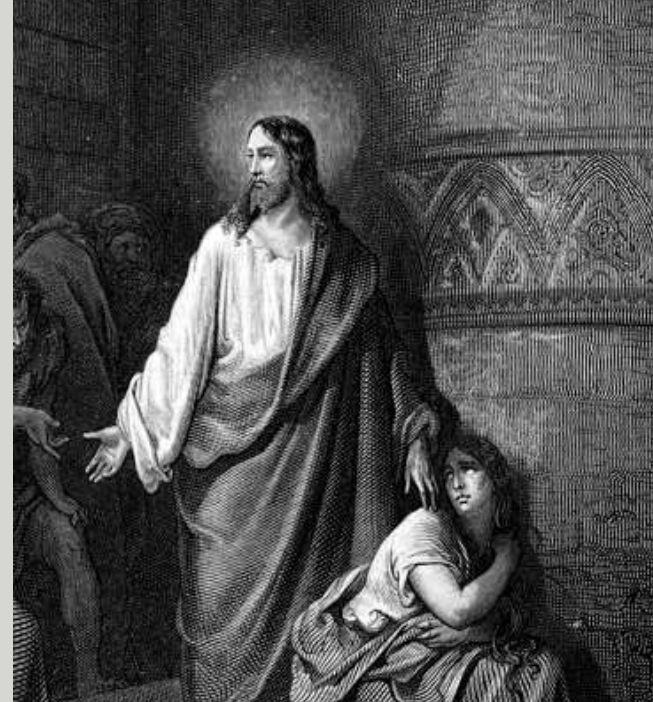
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Now what do you say?”

6 They were using this question as a trap,
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write on the ground with his finger.

In one movie, what did Jesus write? “Murder, Thief ...”?

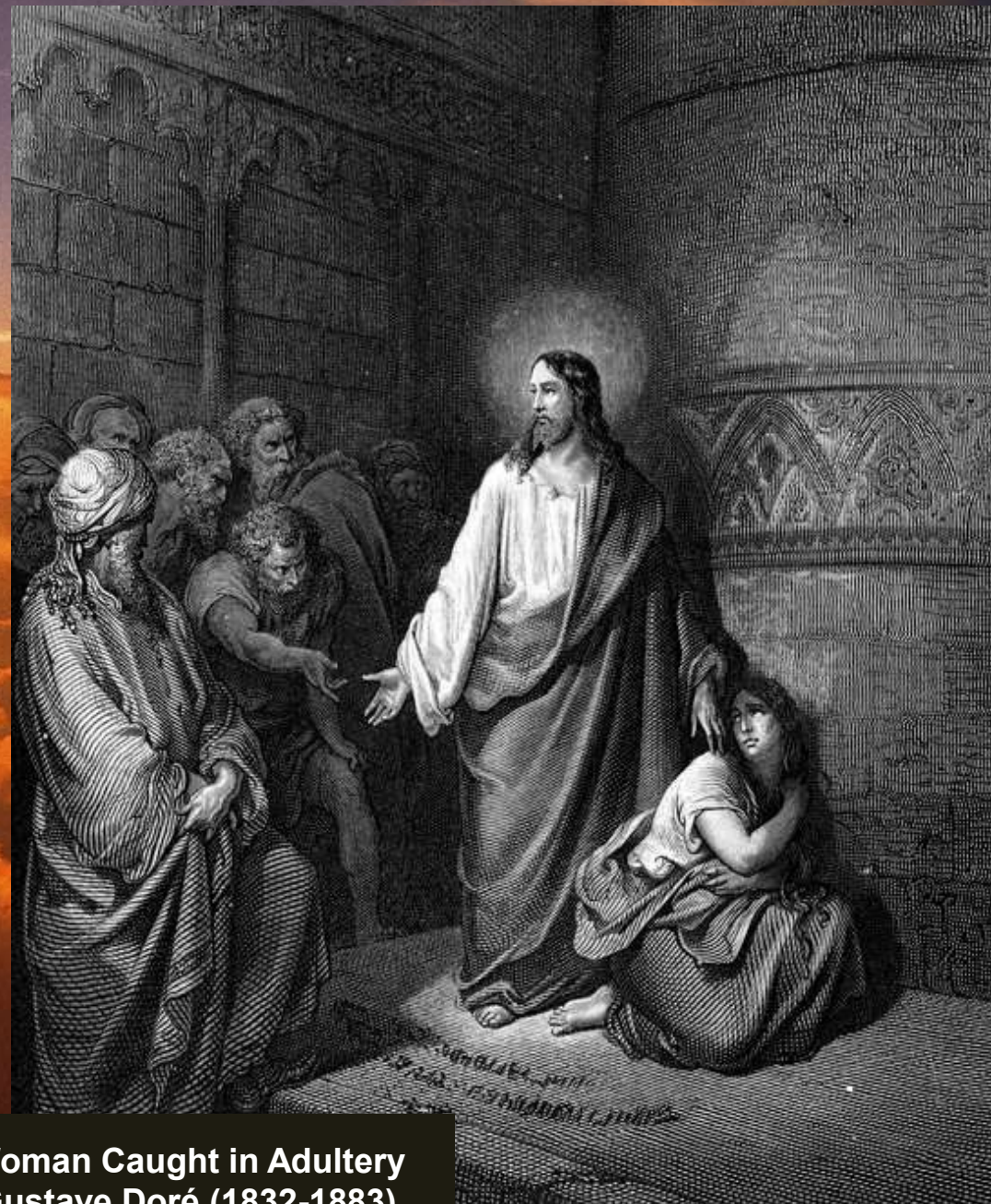


What did
Jesus write
in the SAND?



Jesus SAVES a woman
caught in adultery ...
What does SHE experience?
What did she FEEL ... as Jesus
STOOD UP TO *KILLERS*

And you
LIGHT up my life
You give me HOPE
to carry on



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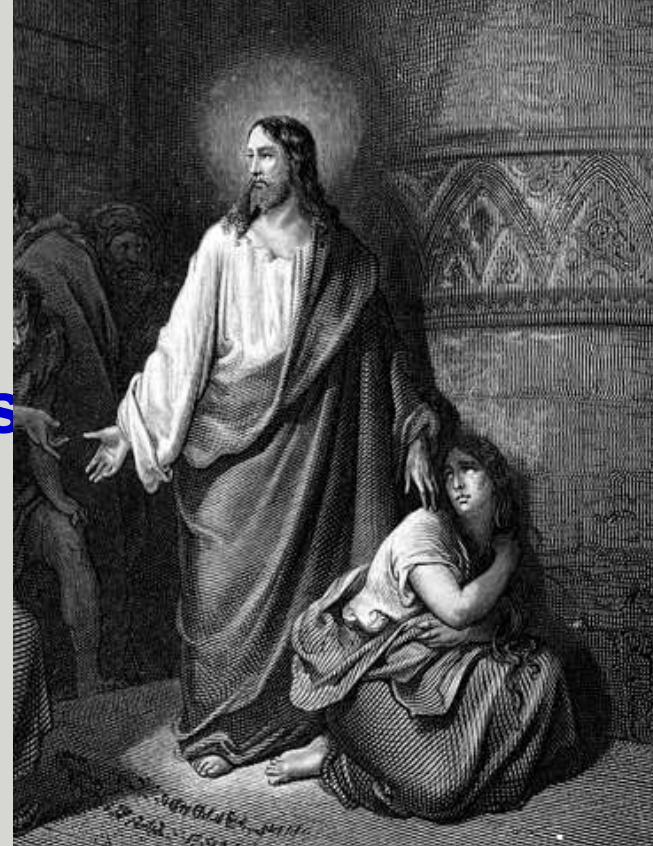
We shall return to the woman shortly ...

**John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again ... he said,
I am the LIGHT of the WORLD.**

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the LIGHT of LIFE**

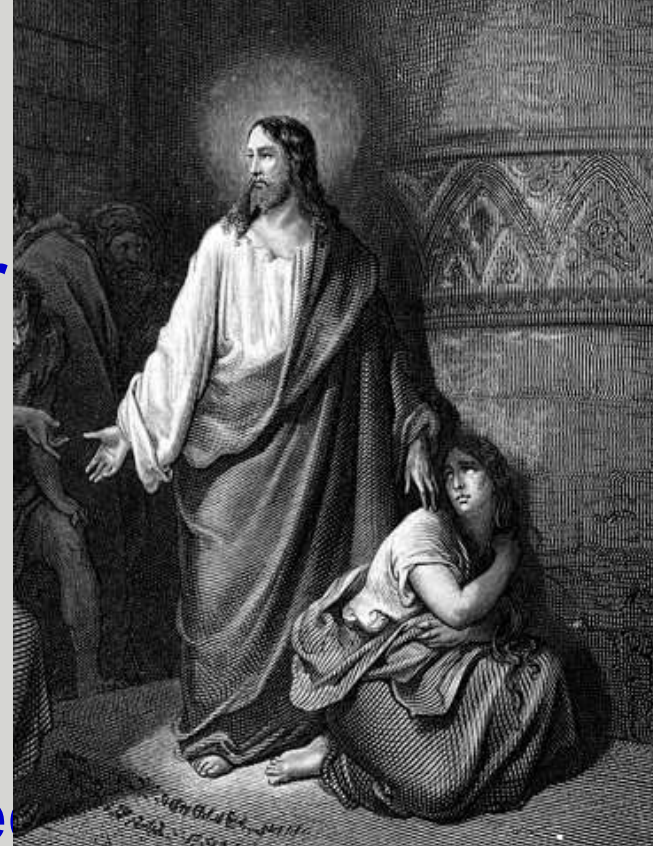
John 8:13-58 unfolds more tedious repartee

- ✓ **Whose witness is valid ...**
- ✓ **If you knew me, you'd know the Father ...**
- ✓ **I'm going away, you cannot come ...**
- ✓ **You're from below, I'm from above ...**
- ✓ **Looking for ways to **KILL** me ...**
- ✓ **My Father glorifies me ...**



John 8:13-58 unfolds several *exquisite* lines

- ✓ **My Father is the other witness**
- ✓ **If you knew me, you would know the Father**
- ✓ **When you have lifted up the Son of Man,
then you will know that I am he ...**
- ✓ **For I always do what pleases him.”**
- ✓ **Then you will know the truth and the
TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE**
- ✓ **If the Son sets you free, you’ll be free indeed**
- ✓ **Whoever obeys my word will never see DEATH**
- ✓ **Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing
my day; he saw it and was glad.”**
- ✓ **8:58 “Truly ... before Abraham was born, I AM!”**



John 8:13-58 How LONG was that day?

How long were these pieces of swordsmanship?

Mike to think of them as expanding upon

8:12 I am the LIGHT of the World

Certainly ... absolutely ... incontrovertibly ...

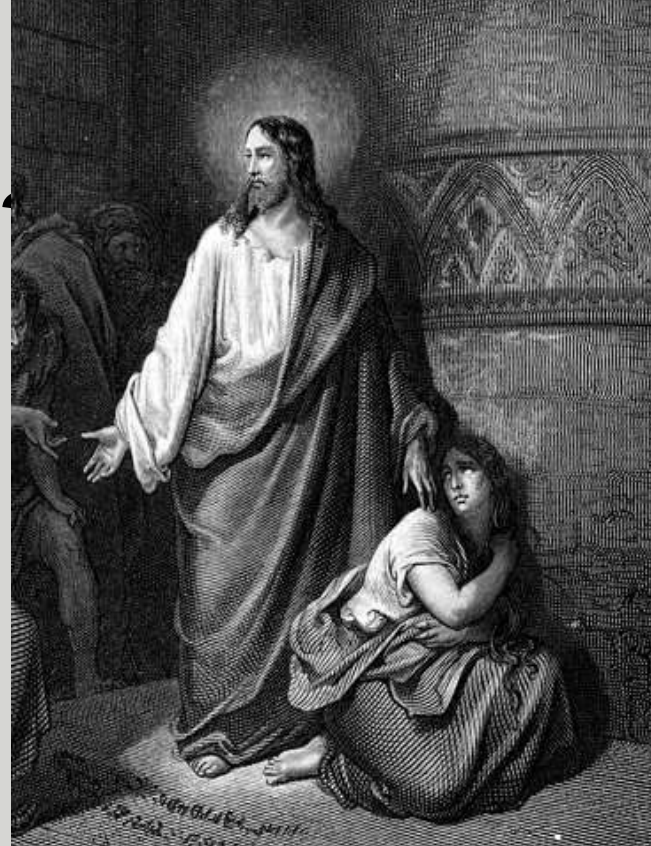
Jesus was the LIGHT for the Woman ...

Jesus—the LIGHT for ALL those there that DAY

Jesus was even the LIGHT for the Jews wanting to **KILL** Him

Ahhh ... but there was ONE woman for whom Jesus was

THE Light of the World



John 8:12 **I am the LIGHT of the World**
Remarkable ... yet not truly that SURPRISING
Not surprising to US in 2023 ... after 2 Millenia

NOT if Jesus is the LIGHT of the World

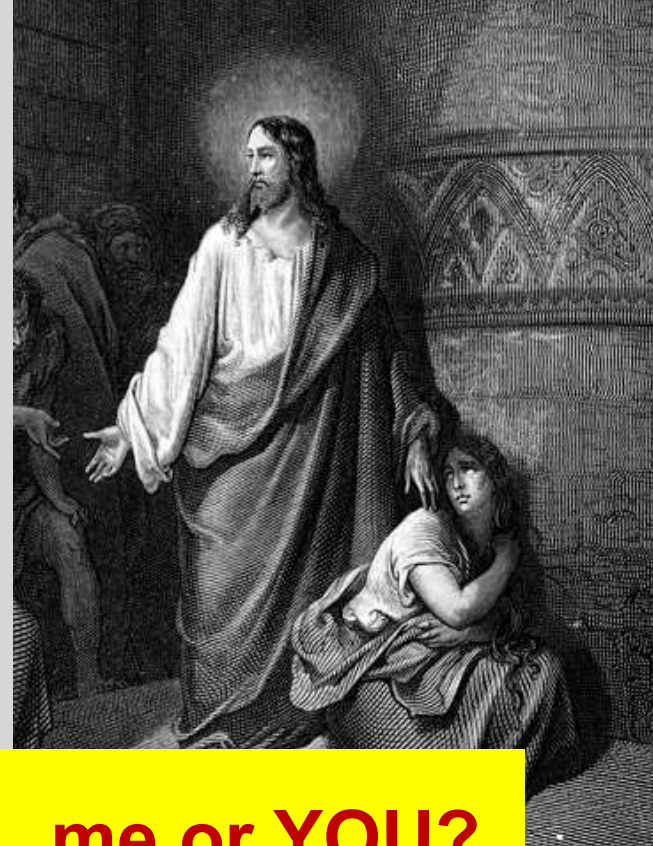
What is so Stunning ... SHOCKING ... is that
so many BELIEVED Jesus' claim

If ANY other person had said that ... ANYONE ... **me or YOU?**

You'd think them NUTS ... Egomaniac ... Crazy ... *Psychotic*

Religious Leaders wanted to **KILL** Jesus ... yet several

Believed Jesus' Words



To Christians for 2 Millenia a *common declaration ...*

How can we shed more **Light** on “**Light**”?

We said “Bread of Life” is the Greatest Metaphor

8:12 I am the LIGHT of the World

Difference is that “Bread” is *sustenance*

“Light” is mere direction ... you S E E E E E E E E E

We need Light for SIGHT ... yet ... we

Do NOT Need Light for LIFE

We NEED Bread to LIVE – *physically* – *blind man can LIVE*

How much GREATER is *Living* with **Light** in **LIFE**

Life is SO VERY PRECIOUS with **LIGHT**



You **SEE** the
metaphor
SPIRITUALLY



8:12 I am the LIGHT of the World

2nd of 7 **MONUMENTAL** Claims in Gospel of John

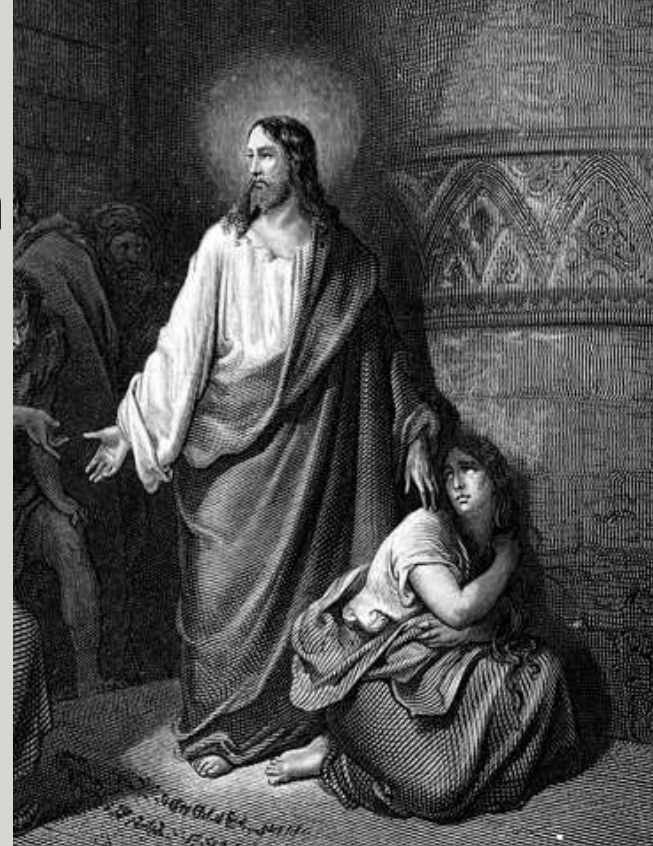
John Chapter

1st	I am the BREAD of Life	6
2nd	I am the LIGHT of the World	8
3rd	I am the DOOR	10
4th	I am the good SHEPHERD	10
5th	I am the RESURRECTION and the LIFE	11
6th	I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE	14
7th	I am the true VINE	15

Get IT? ... *Get IT?*

Everything critical to
LIVING = Jesus

BREAD – LIGHT – DOOR – SHEPHERD
RESURRECTION – WAY – TRUTH – LIFE





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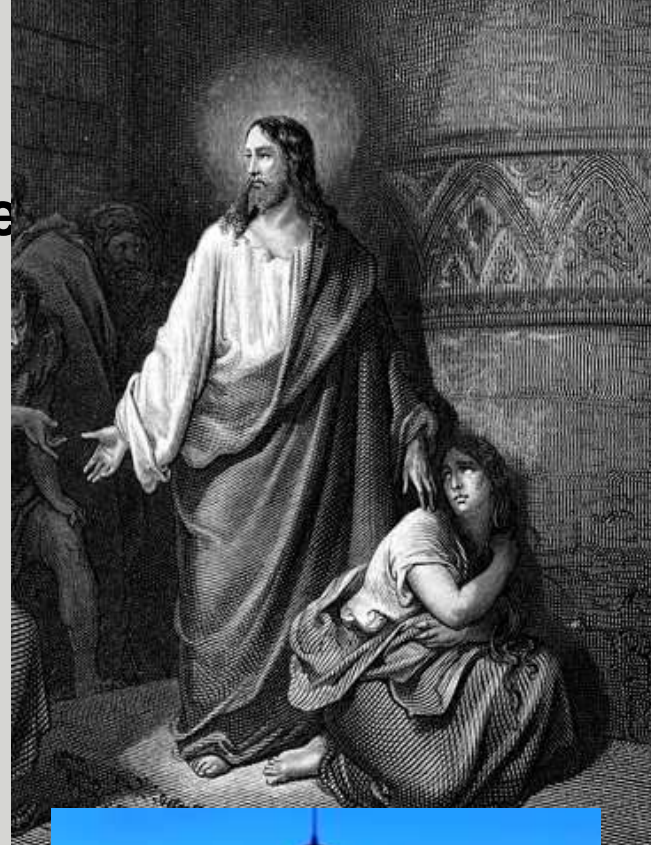
C. H. Spurgeon (1834-92) in 61st volume
his sermons since 1855 ... said

“I am the light of the world.”

**Such high ground he takes
before his adversaries....**

**Hardly an hour before, he flashed that LIGHT
into their eyes & blinded them with its brilliance.**

**They had stood before him, with the
unhappy woman whom they sought to make
the instrument of entangling him,**



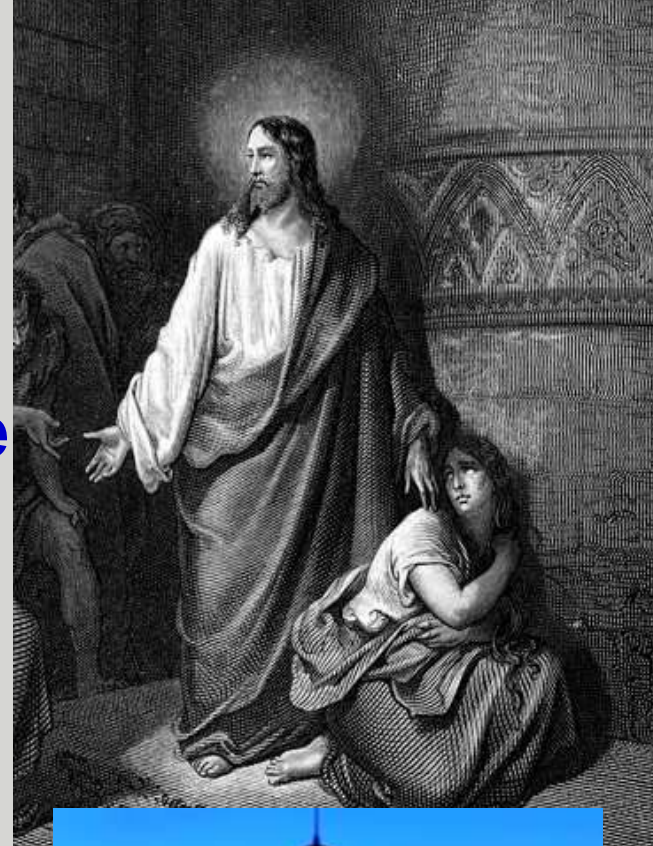
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and anon they had sneaked out of his presence
conscience-stricken, when he said,

“He that is without sin among you,
let him first cast a stone at her.”

One ray of his omniscience had lighted up the
secret chambers of their memory,
and exposed, at least to themselves,
the righteous law they had broken



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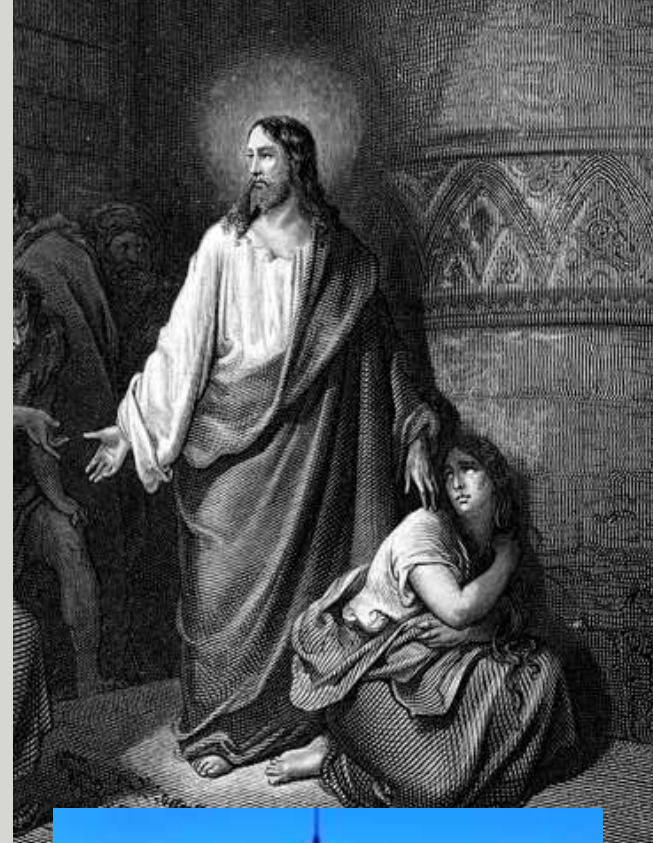
He who could thus convince them
is able to convince the world of sin.

He who lit up the deepest recesses of the heart
Is the light of the world....

Of his blessed history. Look at him in his cradle.

Shines there a star above the house

Brighter far than yonder star is he,
who lies cradled....

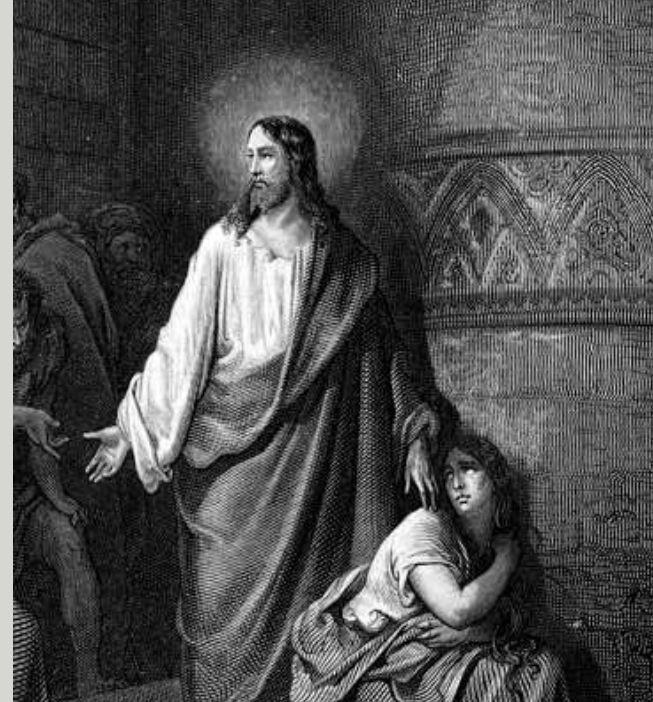


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John 8:7 LAW Experts kept questioning ...

7 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.”**

THESE words ... be careful here ...

Read chapter 8 ... these words had a

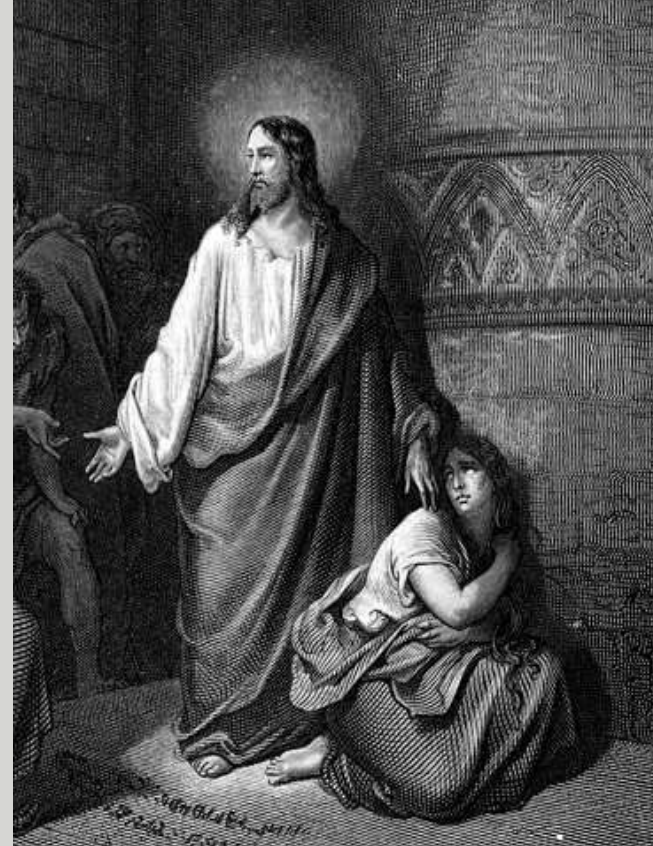
GREATER impact ... than “I am the LIGHT”

Like another miracle ...

A crowd worked up by their own angry PASTORS

The LAW ... the PASTORS defending 550 years of *their* LAW

ONE Sentence FREED ALL



**“Let any one of you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.”**

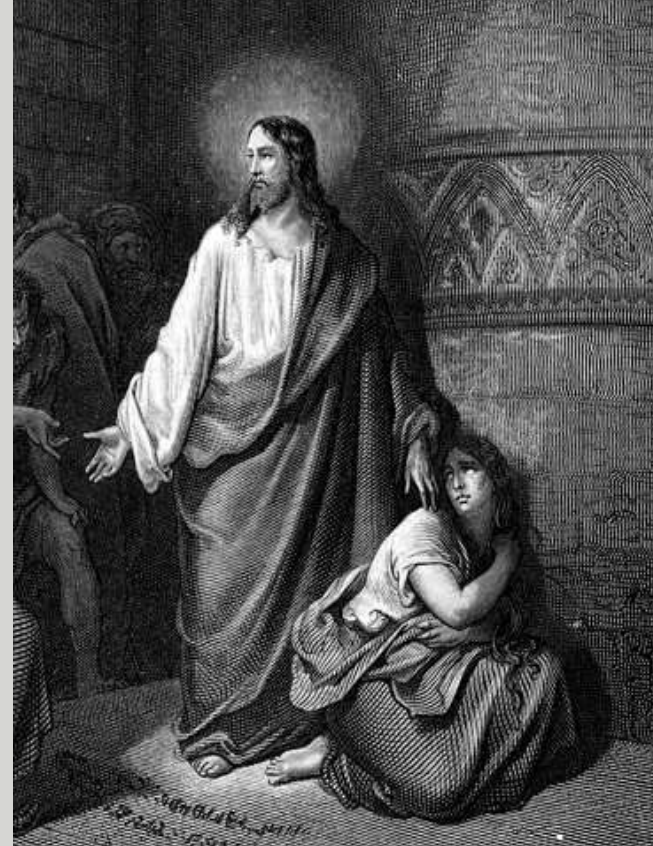
8 Again he stooped & wrote on the ground.

**9 At this, those who heard began to go away
one at a time, the OLDER ONES first,
only Jesus & the woman were still standing.**

**10 Jesus straightened up and asked her,
“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”**

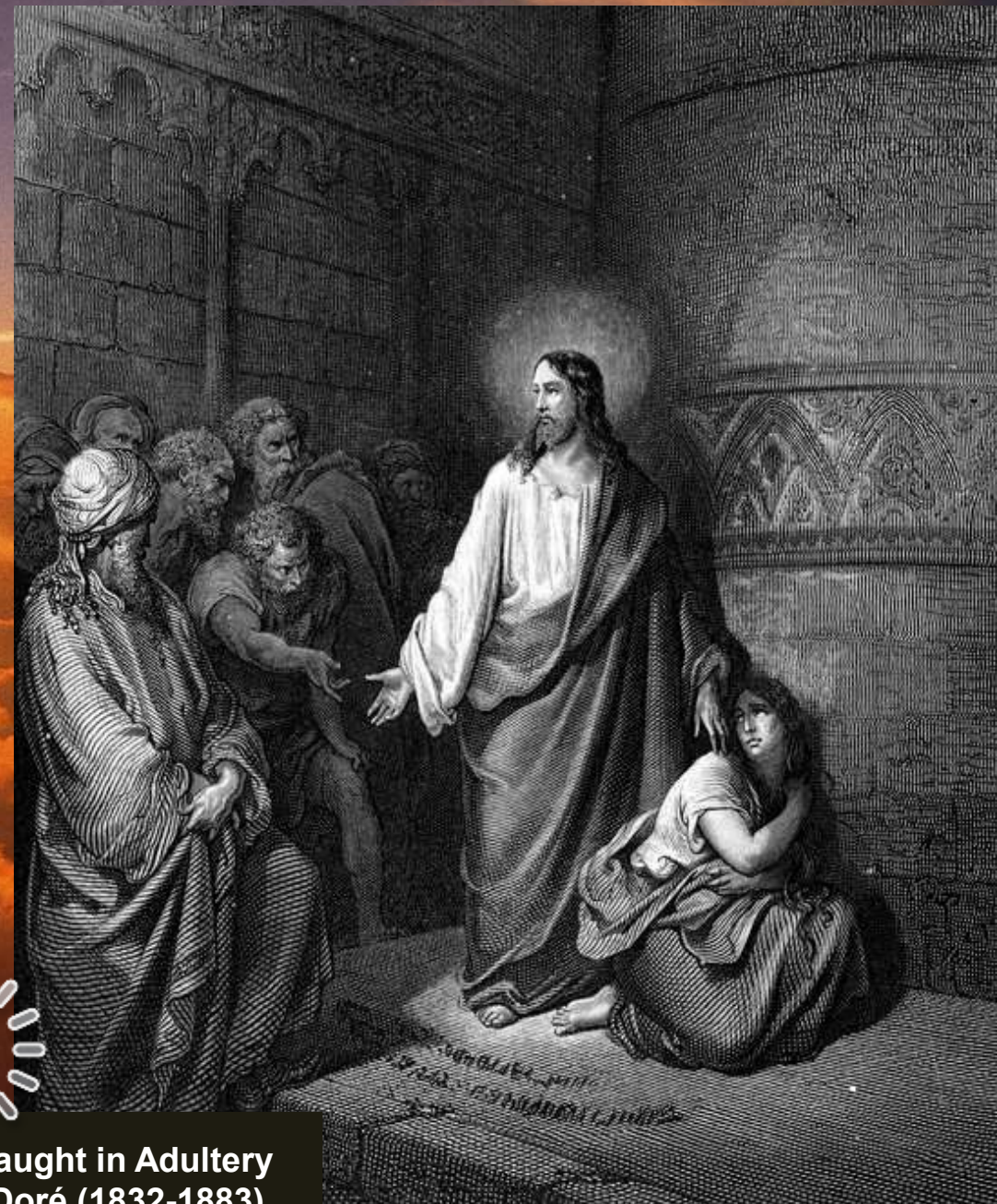
11 “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I....

“Go now and leave your life of sin.”



Jesus SAVES a woman
caught in adultery ...
Oh ... SAVED her in many ways
A Good MAN stood his ground
Against Several **KILLERS**

Rollin' at sea,
adrift on the water
Could it be finally
I'm turnin' for home?
Finally a chance,
to say, "Hey, I love you"
Never again to be all alone



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John 8:7 HOW it struck ALL ... Jesus' **LIGHT** ...
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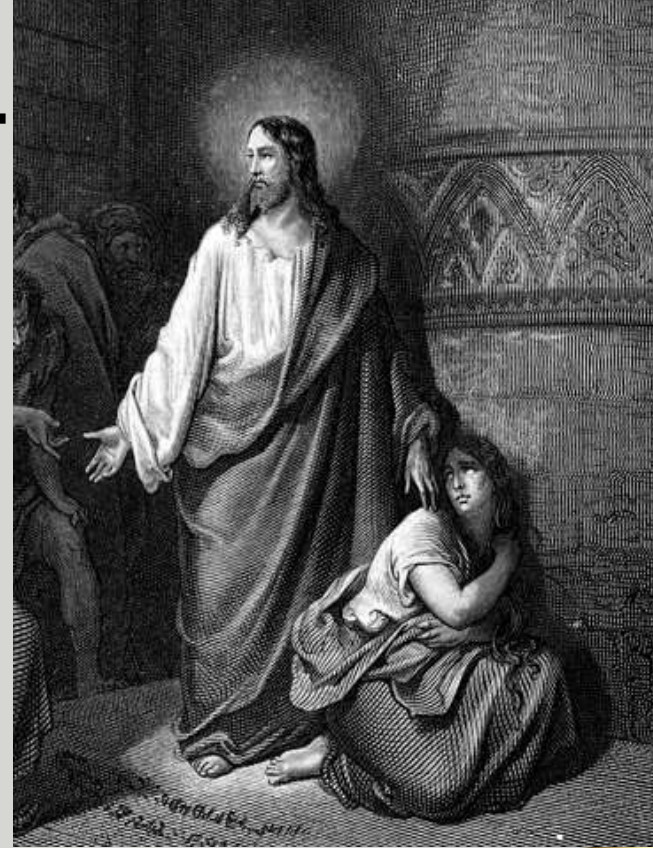
No beautiful rhyme or sweet cadence ...

No esoteric recondite reasoning

No Tricks ... No Lies ... No Comedy nor Jokes ...

NOTHING outstanding in very *WORDS* or *Sentence* themselves

Hereon the History of John 1-7 *and* 550 Years **PIVOT ALL**



I know of no greater FLIP ...

No greater turn ... **No greater *CHANGE***

Almost at a loss for HOW to describe this

FOR decades I have thought on this ...

Decades I have forwarded this as the

Greatest One-Sentence *Change* in HISTORY

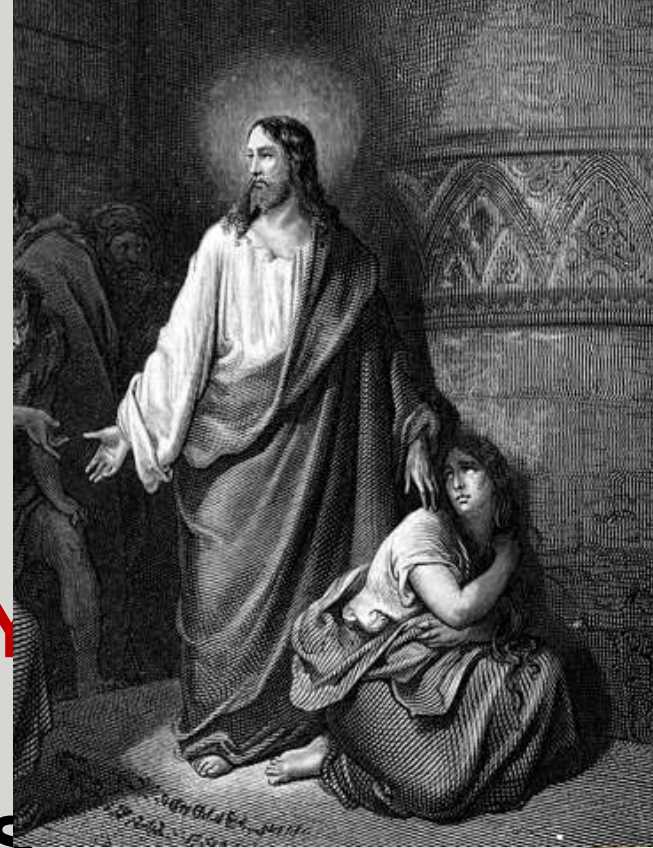
Think about this ... long and hard ...

Where in history has an ENTIRE crowd like THIS

been turned around by one single sentence ...

Glad you should ask ...

because there have been a STUDIES



Prof. Kevin Dutton wrote an intriguing book

Flipnosis—Art of Split-Second Persuasion

(NY: Randon House, 2011; 400 pp) PAPERBACK

Split-Second Persuasion: Ancient Art & New Science of Changing Minds HARDBACK 2010

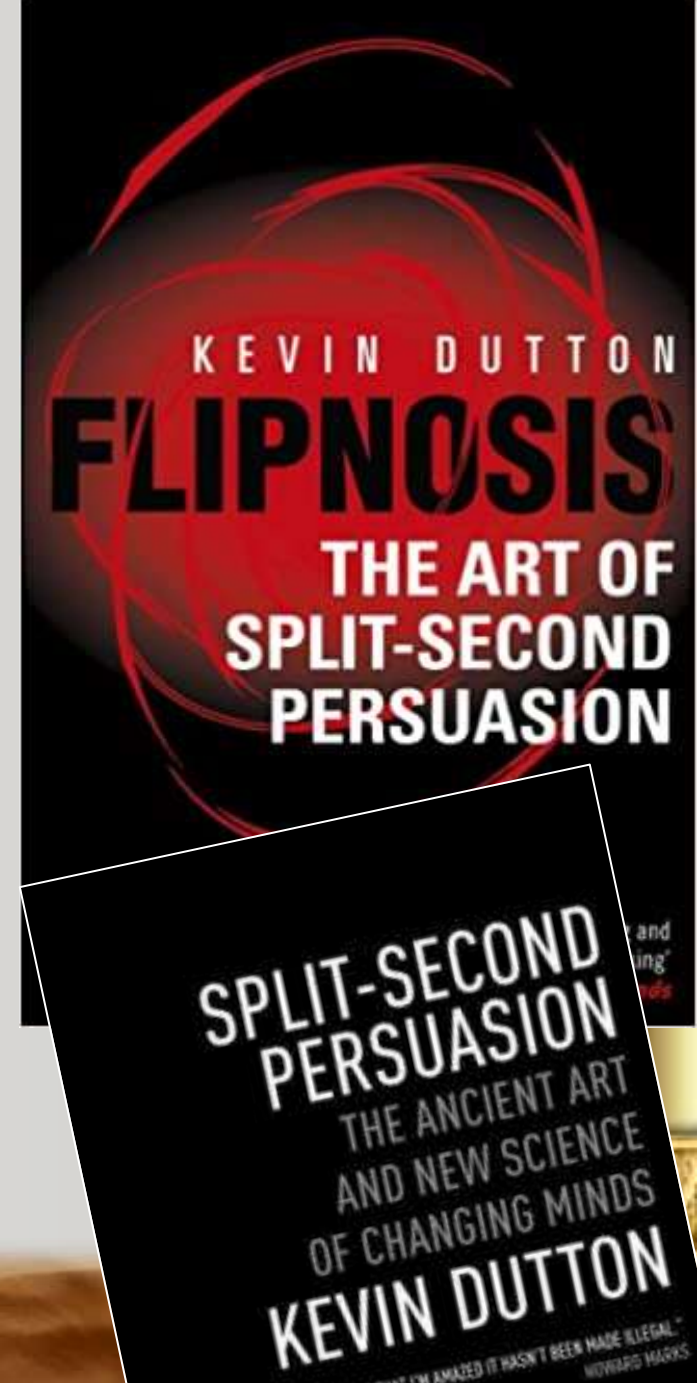
Prof. Dutton is Research Fellow at the Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford

Prof. Dutton is a member of the

- Royal Society of Medicine
- Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy

He is an international speaker and also wrote

The Wisdom of Psychopaths: Lessons In Life From Saints, Spies and Serial Killers (2013)



There are many experts ... who
Can Think on Their Feet ...

Seem Instantly Persuasive

Prof. Dutton gives many examples:

Policeman pulls a motorist over for speeding

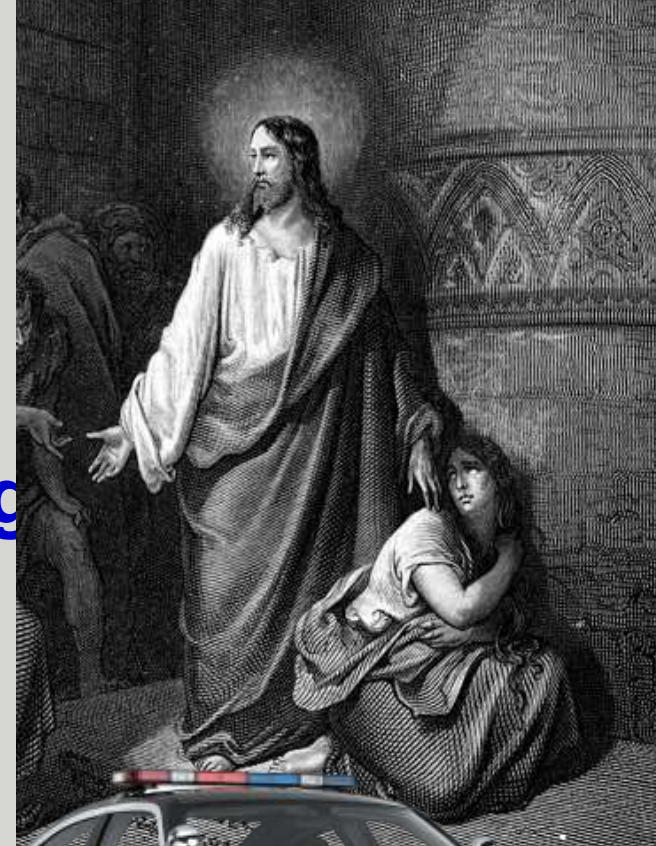
**“Give me one good reason why
I shouldn’t write you a ticket!”**

**“Well,” says the driver, “last week my
wife ran off with one of you Police guys.**

And when I saw your car,

I thought you were bringing her back.’

Zig Ziggler is one ... you cannot HELP liking Ziggler



There's an example of Flipnosis ... from Wyatt Earp ... *sort of*



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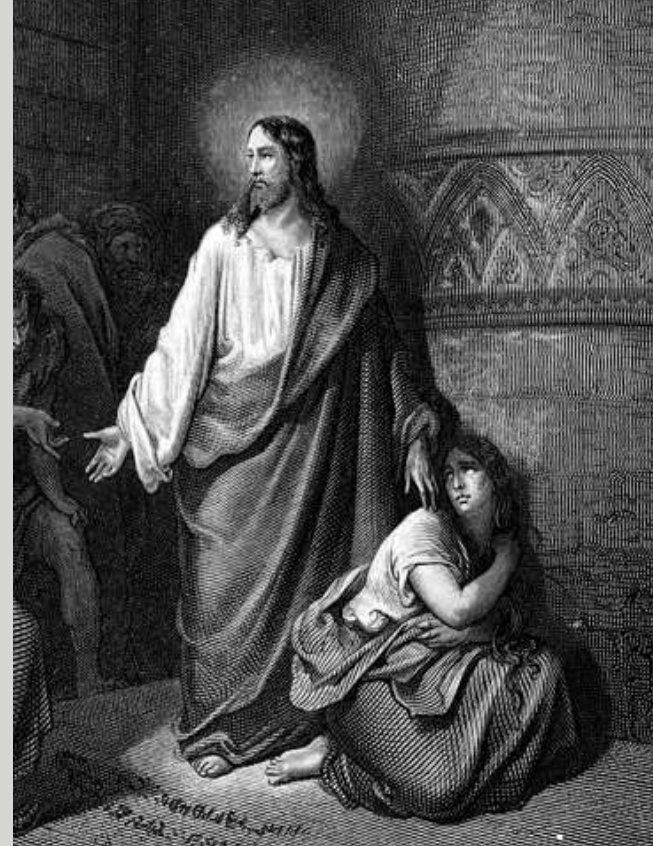
YET Jesus' LIGHT ... Wisdom ... Timing ...

✓ Jesus' mastery of the cultural & social-status MOMENT

✓ Jesus' compassion to ALL ... open their HEARTS

To SEE themselves ... All without JUDGING ANY

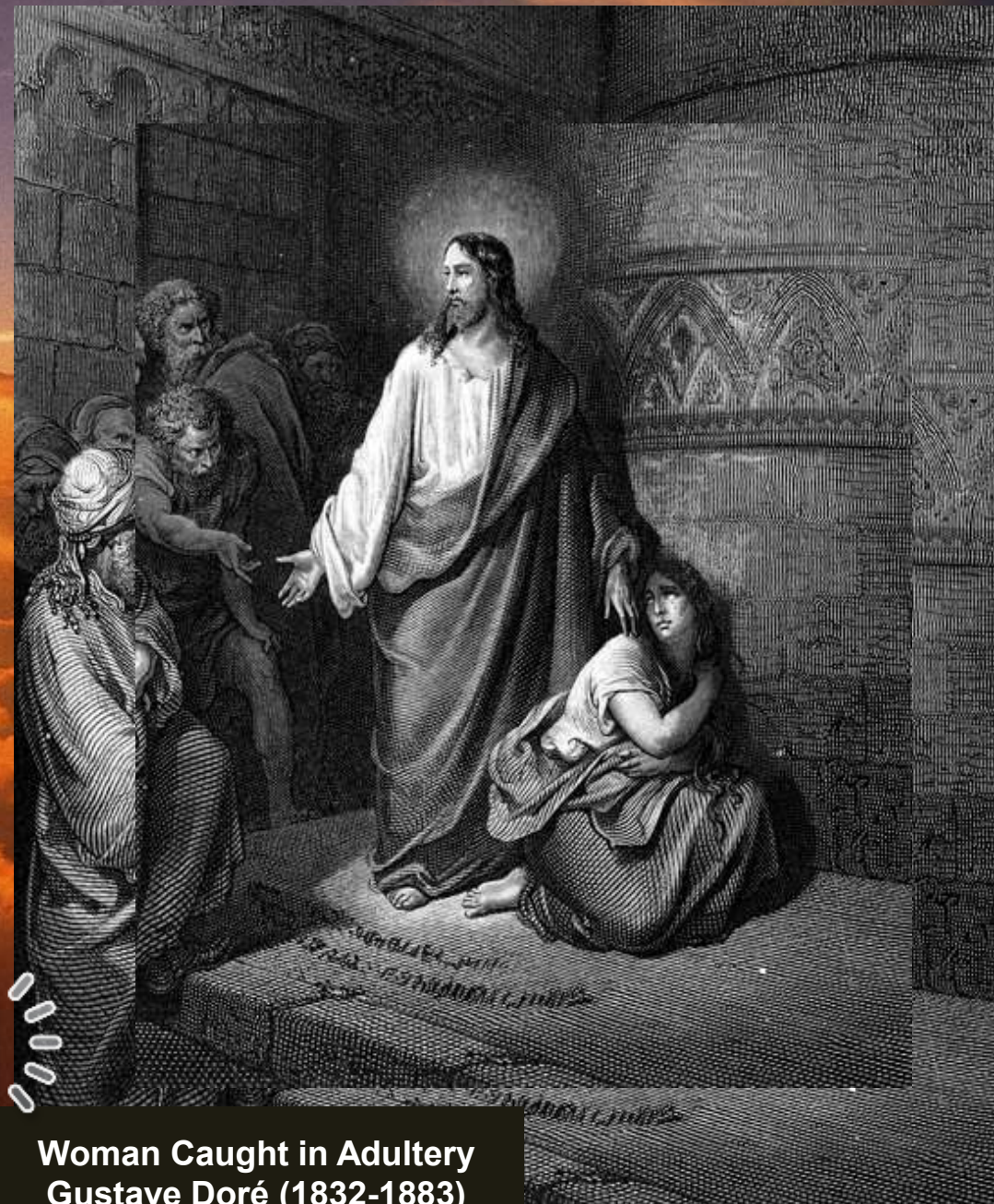
Jesus – His LIGHT gave ALL a reprieve that day ...



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