

2. How does the attitude of those who came to hear Jesus preach compare with those who came to put Him on trial? (v. 5)

3. How do we know they cared little for moral purity or upholding the Law of God?

4. The standards for evidence used in Jewish legal action is very high. At least two witnesses must bring consistent testimony. Why does this cast doubt on the motives of the religious authorities here?



5. No one knows why or what Jesus wrote on the ground. Can you suggest what might have happened in those moments?

6. Why should we be slow to judge others (see Matthew 7:2)?

7. Whose sin is judged in the response made by Jesus (v. 7)?

8. Why do you think the older ones left the scene first (v. 9)?