

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

In today's Gospel we have the woman caught in adultery. One of the 10 Commandments of Moses.

She is brought before Jesus, thrown down in public display. Imagine the myriad of feelings she must have been feeling. Jesus says nothing. He writes in the sand, what? No one knows. But, Jesus, is acting out of compassion. He is reaching deeply from his own passion and feeling with her – COM=passion.

Now it does not miss me to remember that these Pharisees have brought her to the center to trap Jesus:

- a. If he says don't stone her, he is ruling against the Mosaic law
- b. If he condemns her, he is supporting the Roman law.

So, the dilemma remains: She IS guilty of the Mosaic law, but Jesus adds.

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

When they both realize that no one remains to condemn her, Jesus says “neither do I condemn you. Jesus, who could throw the stone is acting out of compassion; drawing from his depths of passion to free her.

I think the point of the story for us is: how quick WE are to cast stones!