



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

JOHN

The background of the image is a serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is partially obscured by clouds, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. In the foreground on the right, the dark, weathered hull of a wooden boat is visible, with a rope tied to its bow. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

JEROME 400 AD

Jerome. ...“in the Gospel according to John in many manuscripts, both Greek and Latin, is found the story of the adulterous woman who was accused before the Lord.” (Migne, *Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Latina*, vol. 23, col. 579.)

5th-century Greek manuscript D.
Old Latin codices b and e.

AMBROSE 374-397 AD

Ambrose the bishop of Milan 374-397

AD. In his sermon on David's sin with Bathsheba says..“In the same way also the Gospel lesson which has been read, may have caused no small offense to the unskilled, in which you have noticed that an adulteress was brought to Christ and dismissed without condemnation . . .

Did Christ err that He did not judge
righteously? It is not right that such a
thought should come to our minds, etc.”
(Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum
Latinorum, Academia Litterarum
Vindobonensis, vol. xxxii, pp.359-360.)

AUGUSTINE 400 AD

According to **Augustine** (c. 400), it was this moralistic objection to the woman caught in adultery, which was responsible for its omission in some of the New Testament manuscripts known to him.

“Certain persons of little faith,” he wrote, “or rather enemies of the true faith, fearing, I suppose, lest their wives should be given impunity in sinning, removed from their manuscripts the Lord’s act of forgiveness toward the adulteress, as if He who had said ‘sin no more’ had granted permission to sin.” (Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum, Academia Litterarum Vindobonensis, vol. xxxxi, p.387.)

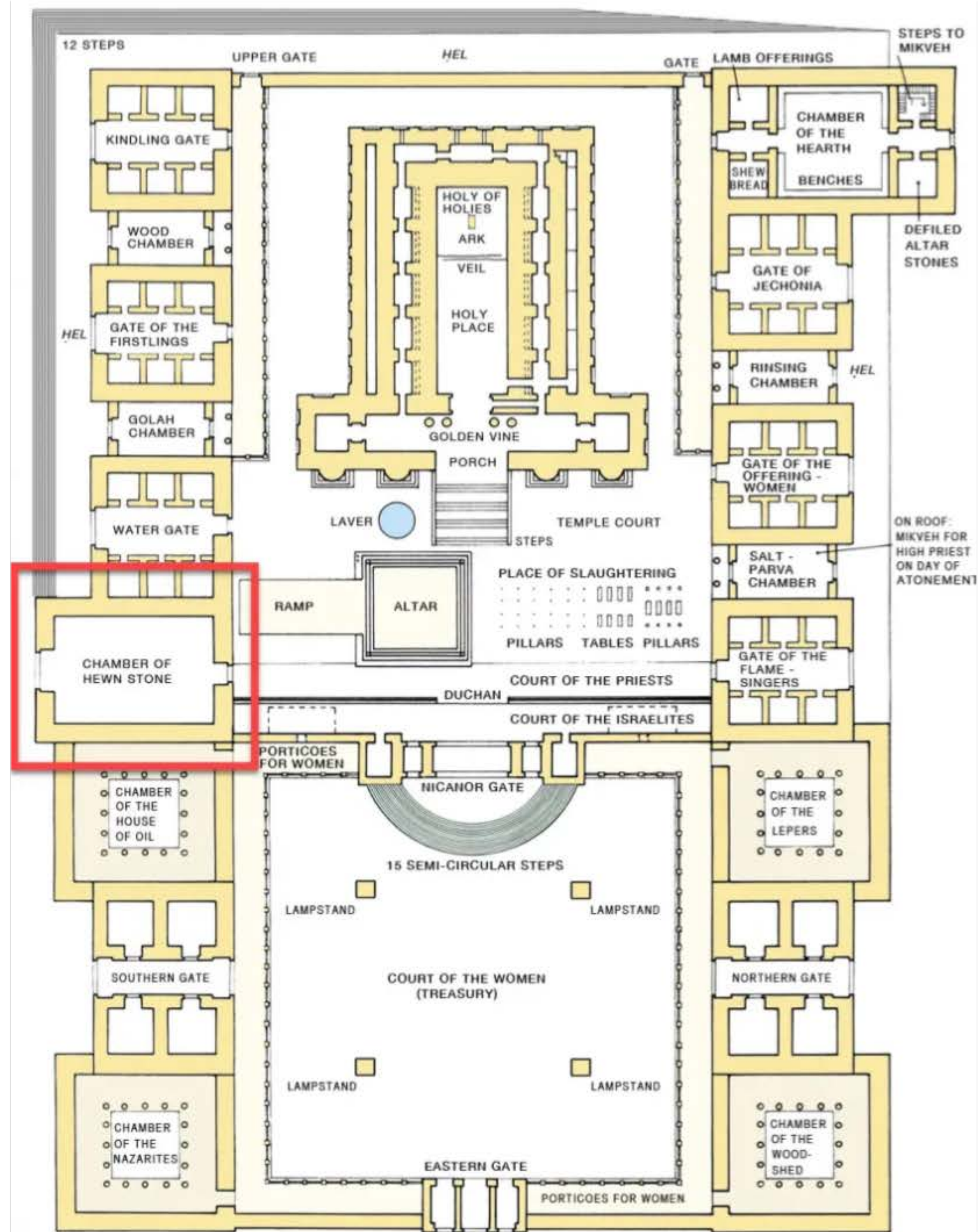
FATHER PACIAN

Also the Spanish Father Pacian (370 A.D.) appealed to the pericope de adultera when protesting against excessive severity in discipline. “Are you not willing,” he asked, “to read in the Gospel that the Lord also spared the adulteress who confessed, whom no man had condemned?” (Migne, *Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Latina*, vol. 13, col. 1077.)

DIDASCALIA APOSTOLORUM

. . . to do as He also did with her that had sinned, whom the elders set before Him, and leaving the judgment in His hands departed. But He, the Searcher of Hearts, asked her and said to her, ‘Have the elders condemned thee, my daughter?’”

She saith to Him, 'Nay, Lord.' And He said unto her, 'Go thy way: Neither do I condemn thee.' (Didascalia Apostolorum, trans. by R. Hugh Connolly, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1929, p.76. F. X. Funk, Didascalia et Constitutiones Apostolorum, Paderborn, 1905, vol. 1, p. 92.)



²⁰And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

MATTHEW 8:20

¹⁷“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ¹⁸For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

MATTHEW 5:17-18

Caught – Greek word -

***καταλαμβάνω* – katalambano**

Means Taken -; to take eagerly, to seize, to apprehend, to find.

Babylonian Talmud, Sotah 47 it says...
WHEN ADULTERERS MULTIPLIED etc. Our
Rabbis taught: And the man shall be free
from iniquity¹⁵ — at the time when the
man is free from iniquity, the water proves
his wife; but when the man is not free from
iniquity, the water does not prove his wife.
Why, then, [was it necessary for the
Mishnah to add]: AS IT IS SAID, 'I WILL NOT
PUNISH YOUR DAUGHTERS WHEN THEY
COMMIT WHOREDOM etc'?

R. Eleazar said: The prophet spoke to Israel,
If you are scrupulous with yourselves, the
water will prove your wives; otherwise the
water will not prove your wives.

⁶Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

DEUTERONOMY 17:6

¹⁷When Jesus heard it, He said to them,
“Those who are well have no need of a
physician, but those who are sick. I did not
come to call the righteous, but sinners, to
repentance.”

MARK 2:17

¹⁸And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

EXODUS 31:18

¹“At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood. ²And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.’

DEUTERONOMY 10:1-2

¹⁵“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

DEUTERONOMY 19:15

¹Therefore you are inexcusable, O man,
whoever you are who judge, for in whatever
you judge another you condemn yourself;
for you who judge practice the same
things.

ROMANS 2:1

²²You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? ²⁴For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.

ROMANS 2:22-24

⁸You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret sins in the light of Your
countenance.

PSALMS 90:8

¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

HEBREWS 4:13