

Luke 7:36-50 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped [them] with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

I. Introduction

A. The Pharisee

1. Simon invited Jesus to a meal in his home.
2. He would be considered an upstanding member of the community

B. The sinner

1. The woman was an uninvited guest
2. She had a sinful reputation known around town

C. Both of them had very different “welcomes” for Jesus

1. Simon’s invitation gave an appearance of welcome to Jesus
2. The sinner welcomed Jesus with her whole heart

II. A Sinful Woman

A. Regretful past

1. Reputation as a sinner
 - a. She was a woman who chased after sin & ran to it
 - b. Scripture does not list her sin
2. The Scriptures say that all people have sinned

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

Galatians 3:22

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.;

B. Repentant woman

1. She showed her repentance in a visible public way.
 - a. She brought an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume
 - b. She washed Jesus' feet with her tears
 - c. She wiped Jesus' feet with her hair
 - d. She welcomed Jesus into her presence
2. She gave Jesus her whole heart
 - a. She gave Jesus her act of worship
 - b. She never spoke a word but gave Him her act of devotion
 - c. She gave Him her sacrifice & love

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

III. A Self-Righteous Host

- A. Pharisee judgmental & hypercritical of woman
 - 1.
- B. Lacked spiritual insight
 1. Man had two blind spots (assumptions) in his thinking
 - a. He thought that Jesus was ignorant about this woman's character
 - b. He thought that he was better than this woman
 - c.

- d. Parable of 2 prayers, Pharisee praying that he was not like that sinner over there, & a publican asking for God's mercy on himself as a sinner

Luke 18:9-10, 14 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. ... I tell you, this man [Publican] went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

- 2. False religions define self-righteousness as inside a person

C. Lacked spiritual compassion

- 1. Simon's heart filled with pride

Psalm 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

- 2. Jesus told a parable about forgiveness

- a. Parable of a creditor with 2 debtors

- i. First debtor owed 500 pence (denarii)
- ii. Second debtor owed 50 pence (denarii)
- iii. Creditor forgave both men's debts

- b. Jesus asked Simon "Which debtor will love creditor more?"

- 3. Jesus then lists how the sinning woman loved Him more than Simon loved Him when He came into the home

- a. Compassion can be called "your hurt in my heart".

- b. Song "Amazing Grace" by John Newton an example of God's message of grace

IV. A Forgiving Savior

A. Jesus came to give love and compassion to sinners

- 1. He came for every sinner, even for the Pharisee & the sinning woman

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- 2. Pharisee saw Jesus as a great teacher

- a. He failed to see Jesus as the Savior

- b. He failed to see Jesus' compassion in ministry

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

B. Jesus observed her faith

- 1. Sinning woman saw Jesus as her Savior
- 2. She showed her change of heart by serving Him and worshiping Him
- 3. Her faith was shown by her actions

C. Jesus forgave her sin

- 1. Only Jesus can forgive sins

Luke 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

- 2. She had her confidence in Jesus her Savior

Colossians 1:12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:

- 3. Jesus gave her peace because she had faith in her Savior

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

V. Conclusion:

A. Many ways to think about, "Who is Jesus?"

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

B. Think about how you see Jesus of Nazareth