

Story 36



Woman Washes Jesus' Feet

Luke 7:36-50

The Bridge: Throughout His ministry, Jesus revealed that purpose for His coming and His ministry, was to show His power to forgive sin and to save those who would believe in Him.

The Story:

- A Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to eat supper at his home. A woman came in carrying a bottle of expensive perfume. Weeping, she began wetting Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped His feet with her hair. She then anointed them with the perfume (Luke 7:36-38).
- Simon was indignant. He said, "If Jesus was a prophet or the Messiah, He would know that this woman is a prostitute, and He would not let her do that" (Luke 7:39-40).
- Jesus replied with a story. "Two men owed money; one a great sum, and the other just a little. The lender of money forgave them both their debts. Who would love that person more?" (Luke 7:41-42).
- Simon replied, "The man, I suppose, who was forgiven the most" (Luke 7:43).
- Jesus turned and looked at the woman. "He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little" (Luke 7:44-47).
- Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven" (Luke 7:48).



What does this story reveal about our forgiveness and what Jesus would do to forgive us?