



DINNER, DEBTS, AND DISBURSEMENTS

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Luke 7:36 – 50

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MESSAGE NOTES

Vs. 36 *When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, He went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.*

Vs. 37 *A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.*

Vs. 38 *As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.*

Vs. 39 *When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, He would know who is touching Him and what kind of woman she is — that she is a sinner."*

Vs. 40 *Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.*

Vs. 41 *"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.*

Vs. 42 *Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"*

Vs. 43 *Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.*

Vs. 44 – 46 *Then He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give Me any water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give Me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet. You did not put oil on My head, but she has poured perfume on My feet.*

Vs. 47 *Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."*

Vs. 48 – 50 *Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was one thing that stuck out to you about the message on Sunday? Why?
- If you could see Jesus face-to-face, what is the first way you would express gratitude?
- According to Luke 7:36 – 50... What do you find most shocking about the woman's actions?
- What risk was this "sinful woman" taking in coming to the house of Simon, the Pharisee? What does this tell us about her?
- How would you have reacted if you had seen or heard this woman's grateful action or smelled the "fragrant oil" she used? When do expressions of gratitude make you uncomfortable? Why does the gratitude of others sometimes make us uncomfortable?
- Read Luke 7:39 again. What is your impression of Simon? What doubts did Simon have about Jesus? What does Jesus see in this woman that Simon does not? How does this affect Jesus' actions toward her?
- How might our worship be different if we were more concerned about honoring Jesus than we were about the thoughts of others?
- How did Jesus lead Simon to a clearer understanding of the woman's motives? What was the point of the parable (Vs. 40 – 43)?
- What decision did Jesus' parable and questions help Simon to reach (Vs. 43)? It's been said that the more we grow in our walk with Christ, the more we realize how sinful we are. Have you experienced this? How is such a realization vital to our spiritual growth?
- Because Jesus forgives us, we can put our faith in Him and experience His peace. How do you deliberately live as a person grateful for these gifts?
- How can we do a better job of this as a group?
- What is one step you might take to cultivate a heart of gratefulness to God this week?