

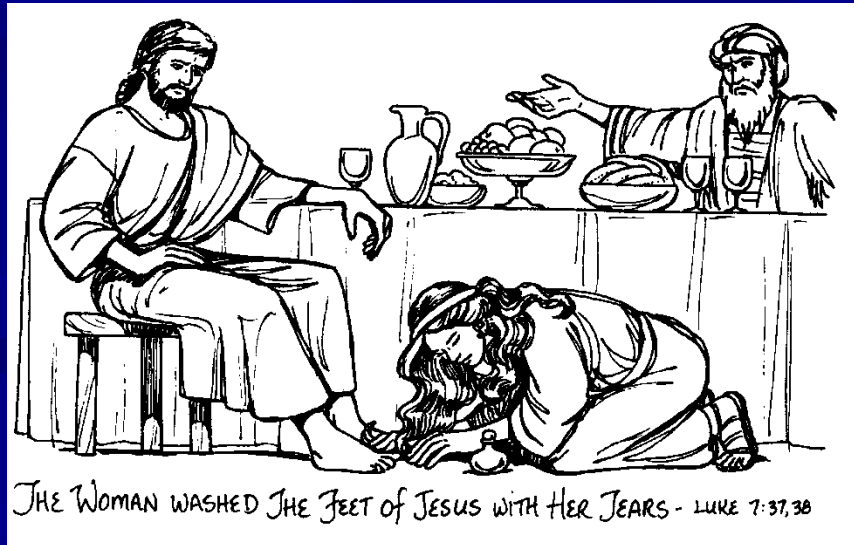
Simon, A Sinner and Jesus

And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "**Who is this who even forgives sins?**"

(Luke 7:49)

Who Was Simon?

- A Pharisee (v. 36)
- Simon failed to show courtesy.
- Challenged Jesus' claim to be a prophet.
- Simon was a sinner.



THE WOMAN WASHED THE FEET OF JESUS WITH HER TEARS - LUKE 7:37,38

Two Enemies of Truth

- Unrighteousness (Romans 1:18)
- Self - righteousness (Luke 15:25 – 32)
 - Self – righteousness prevented Simon from receiving forgiveness.
- What about me?

Who Was the Woman?

- Specific sin not recorded.
- She was not invited to dinner.
- She showed courtesy to Jesus.
 - “Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.”
 - (Titus 3:3 – 8)



Ephesians 2:1 - 5

- “As for you, you were **dead** in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you **used to live** when you followed the ways of this world and of the **ruler of the kingdom** of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 **All of us also** lived among them at one time, gratifying the **cravings of our flesh** and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature **deserving of wrath**. 4 But because of **his great love for us, God**, who is **rich in mercy**, 5 **made us alive** with **Christ** even when we were **dead** in transgressions—it is **by grace you have been saved.**” (NIV)

Ephesians 3:17 - 21

- “so that **Christ** may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have **strength** to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the **love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled** with all the **fullness of God**. 20 Now to **him** who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the **power at work** within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and **in Christ** Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (ESV)

Who Was Jesus?

- He was a prophet (Luke 7:39, cf. 16)
- He was a friend of sinners (Luke 7:30-35)
- He was a teacher (v. 40)
- Able to forgive our sins (1 John 1:8 – 10)

Who Are We?

- We are somewhere in the story:
 - Simon: self – righteous and hypocritical
 - Woman: sinner and everyone knows it
- Three lies that Satan spreads (John 8:44)
 - Good person – don't need Jesus
 - Bad person – can't be forgiven
 - Repeat offender – can't be forgiven

Who Are We?

You have three options:

- Stay where you are – walk out on Jesus.
- Look for someone or something else.
- Bow before Jesus as savior and king.



