

# **The Life of Christ**

Lesson 3

Luke 7:36-50

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## **The God Who Forgives**

### **Introduction**

In the world of missions, it is astonishing to see how easy it is to share the Gospel with those in third-world countries. The people there can be incredibly receptive to the idea of a savior because their physical needs are so great, and they are ready to hear a message of hope.

In more developed countries, you're often met with people who may not need a house to be built or shoes on their feet, but these people do have a spiritual need. They often don't see their need for a savior because they are doing well financially, or their families are healthy and thriving.

In our story this week, we see a woman giving everything she has; money in the form of perfume, social standing, even her hair, which was thought to be the glory of the woman. This woman knew she had nothing of value in comparison to the richness of her Lord. She humbled herself to the lowest servant before Jesus, in contrast to the Pharisee who stood in judgment of her and Jesus.

As you read today, try and put yourself in the shoes of these people, and use that as a platform to humble yourself before the feet of Jesus no matter which of the characters you relate with best.

***Memory verse: "Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." -Luke 7:47***

Pray and read Luke 7:36-50. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

## **What does the passage say?**

1. At whose house did Jesus dine? (Luke 7:36)
2. What did the sinful woman bring with her to the house? (Luke 7:37)
3. What did the woman do with the jar while she wept? (Luke 7:38)
4. What did the Pharisee say to himself? (Luke 7:39)
5. In the hypothetical situation given to the Pharisee, who was forgiven more? (Luke 7:43)
6. Compare and contrast the sinful woman and the Pharisee's actions when Jesus came into the house. (Luke 7:44-47)
7. What was it that Jesus forgave of the woman? (Luke 7:48)

8. What was it that saved the woman? (Luke 7:50)

**What does the passage mean?**

1. Jesus neither denied nor minimized the fact that this woman was a sinner. Why is it important to acknowledge the sin in your life? (Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:8-10)
  
2. Can a person truly worship God without acknowledging their sin? (1 Samuel 12:24-25; Proverbs 28:13; Jeremiah 3:12-13)
  
3. Ironically, the only person to leave the dinner party saved was the woman, saved by the faith that if she came to Jesus, He would not turn her away. Why didn't the way Simon the Pharisee serve Jesus save him? (Romans 11:6; Ephesians 2:8-10)

4. Simon wanted to separate himself from sinners, while Jesus routinely sought out sinners. In Simon's eyes, this woman's sexual transgressions were greater than his own sin of pride. What does the Bible say about sin? (Romans 3:23; James 1:15, 4:17; 1 John 3:4)

### **Applying the passage**

1. Do you envision other's sins as worse than your own or beyond redemption? Why or why not? What needs to change about your perspective?

