

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Forgiven"**  
**Luke 7:36-50**  
**Study-29**

Luke's account is exclusive to Luke's Gospel.

(2 Opposite Sinners - Pharisee & Woman that both Need Jesus)

All four gospels contain accounts of women anointing Jesus.

**Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-8; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8**

**Luke 7** We see Jesus calling people to faith.

**Luke 7:36-50 A Repentant Sinner: 1 John 3:5**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Humbling Ourselves By Placing Faith In Jesus Christ, We Receive Forgiveness With The Evidence Of Loving God."

- 1. Verses 36-38 Thankful**
- 2. Verses 39-43 Critical**
- 3. Verses 44-50 Forgiveness**

**1. Verses 36-38 Thankful**

**Luke 7:36 Now**

**Context** - Near death, in death, and with discouragement. Now forgives sins. **Luke 7:34-35**

**one of the Pharisees** - Luke tells us what his name is. **40 "Simon,**

**Pharisees:** The conservatives of the religious world. The term means "*separate ones, or to separate.*"

**was requesting Him to dine with him, "Why Did Simon Invite Jesus?"**

**and He entered the Pharisee's house** - The place of eating was an open courtyard. People would come and go and listen to the conversations.

**and reclined at the table.**

The tables were 1-2 feet tall, horseshoe shape, and served from inside the U. They sat around on cushions, eating by leaning on their left elbow with their feet behind them.

**Luke 7:37 And there was a woman "And look, a woman!" in the city who was a sinner;**

The Greek word **sinner** describes all who have come short of the glory of God "*trespass, offend, miss the mark and so as to not share in the prize.*"

*The Alexandrian Text: "A woman who was a sinner in that city" or "A woman who practiced in that very city her shameful profession."*

**she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,**

**(Nard?)** If so, the perfume was extremely expensive. Break the neck of the stone and use the entire contents.

**Luke 7:38 and standing behind Him at His feet,**

Jesus was sitting on a cushion leaning on His left elbow with his legs behind him.

**weeping,** *"gratitude for her forgiveness of great sin"* We need to note the context of this event. (Incident of John The Baptist). **Matthew 11:28-30**

**she began to wet His feet with her tears,**

This woman heard the call of Jesus and saw herself as a sinner and had already received forgiveness.

**Verse 50 "Your faith has saved you; (Perfect Tense)**

**and kept wiping them with the hair of her head,**

(Socially improper in public)

**and kissing His feet,** literally *"to kiss again and again"* Adoration!

**and anointing them with the perfume.** This is a showing of true humility and brokenness.

## **2. Verses 39–43 Critical**

**Luke 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself,** Luke records, under inspiration that this man did not say this out loud, but it was what he was thinking. The omniscience of God!

**"If this man were a prophet -** Simon did not consider Jesus to be a prophet. Jesus was called a prophet **Luke 7:16**

**He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner." (Blindness)**

**Luke 7:40 And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."** Jesus proves that He is a prophet. He is **Omniscient.**

*Meaning that God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly and equally well.*

**And he replied, "Say it, "speak on, what is it?" Teacher."** Simon gives Jesus a title: "Teacher, Rabbi," being hypocritical, Simon did not honor Jesus.

**Verses 41-42 Parable:** The word "**Parable**" is made up of two words, "*Para*"- alongside "*ballo*"- to throw or cast, to cast alongside.

**Luke 7:41 "A moneylender (God) had two debtors:** (Sinners); There is a lender that has made a loan to 2 individuals.

**one owed five hundred denarii,** – A denarius was equivalent to a day's wage. **Matthew 20:10** (The woman) **(20 months' labor)** The woman owed **ten times** more (outward sin) than Simon.

**and the other fifty. (50 days' labor) Simon** was still a sinner like the woman.

**Luke 7:42 "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both.** Notice both could not repay the debt, so the lender graciously (Grace) wiped out the debt.

**The Meaning:** It is not the amount but the awareness of the debt of sin.

**It matters not how much the debt is if you don't have the means to repay! Romans 3:23**

**So which of them will love him more?"** Which one is going to have the most gratitude?

**Luke 7:43 "I suppose** (Knows He Is Busted) **the one whom he forgave more." (Worse Sinners Make The Best Saints!)**

**And He said to him," You have judged correctly."** That's true!

### **3. Verses 44-50 Forgiven**

**Luke 7:44 He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?** Of course, Simon sees this woman, but he really missed seeing her actions.

**Simon Loved Little: I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet,** - This was basic hospitality that hosts did for their guests.

**Woman Love Much: but she has wet My feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair.** You speak about love, humility, and servanthood.

**Luke 7:45 Simon Loved Little: "You gave Me no kiss;** Customary to give the guest a kiss on each cheek of greeting. We hug, shake hands.

**Woman Love Much: but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.** The affection, gratitude of this woman to Jesus was great.

**Luke 7:46 Simon Loved Little: "You did not anoint My head with oil,** would greet the guest and anoint their head with olive oil.

**Woman Love Much: but she anointed My feet with perfume.** She went beyond putting oil on the guest; she lavished costly perfume on Jesus.

**Luke 7:47 "For this reason I say to you,** - woman as the application.

**Woman Love Much: her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much;** The Sign of forgiveness is love for God!

**Ephesians 2:8-9 Grace is love that pays a price, and that price was the sacrifice of the Son of God.**

**Simon Loved Little: but he who is forgiven little, loves little."** Those that don't see the debt don't have the appreciation for the forgiveness of it.

**Luke 7:48 "Your sins have been forgiven."** "Perfect tense: *"her sins had been forgiven in the past."* Only God can forgive sins. **Luke 5:21**

**How do we know that our sins have been forgiven?**

The same way this woman knew through God's Word to her. **Isaiah 1:18; Isaiah 43:25; 1 John 1:9**

**Luke 7:49 "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"** *People saw Jesus as being more than a prophet, being divine through the forgiving of sin!*

**Luke 7:50 "Your faith has saved you; (Perfect Tense)** (Faith saved, Love was evidence) **Faith produced love; love produced service!**  
**Acts 4:12**

**go in peace."** Literally, it reads, *"Go into peace."*

### **Application:**

1. How Was This Woman Saved? She Repented Of Her Sins And Placed Her Faith In Jesus Christ. **Luke 7:50**
2. How Did The Woman Know She Was Truly Forgiven? She Had The Assurance Of Jesus' Word. **Luke 7:50**
3. What Was The Proof Of The Woman's Salvation? Her Love For Jesus, Expressed In Sacrificial Devotion To Him. **Luke 7:47**