

ENCOUNTERS WITH


CHRIST

Luke 7:36-50

THE SINFUL WOMAN

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When people meet Jesus...

... they are changed by Jesus!

“Conversion is not merely crossing a boundary but submitting to a new reality, orbiting a new sun”

The Setting

V36-37: When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

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.

1) Woman's Action – Devotion

V38: 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.



2) Simon's Response – Blindness

V39: 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.'

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5v31-32: 'It's not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

3) Jesus's Explanation – Forgiveness

V40: Jesus answered him, 'Simon, I have something to tell you.'

'Tell me, teacher,' he said.

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A parable with 3 characters...

- One money Lender
- Two people who fall into debt
 - Big debt
 - Small debt

3) Jesus's Explanation – Forgiveness

V42: Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so...

What did he do?

Option A – Tell them to work harder

Option B – Cancel the debt

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Now which one will love him more?

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“The man whose sins are really cleaned away will always show by his ways that he loves the saviour who cleaned them”

J.C.Ryle

3) Jesus's Explanation – Forgiveness

Col 2v13-14: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.