

THE PARABLES—Part 7

Luke 7:36-50

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1. 7:36 That Jesus was very interested in the outcast did not mean He was uninterested in the successful members of society. Everyone needs the gospel.
2. 7:37 When a Rabbi was invited to someone's house, others could stop by and listen to the conversation.
3. 7:37 Rabbis did not speak to women in public, nor did they eat with them. A woman of this background would not have been welcome in the house of a Pharisee.
4. 7:37 In the eyes of the people she was not welcome, and normally she would not have wanted to be there...except Jesus was there.
5. 7:38 Her actions denote deep reverence and gratitude.
6. 7:39 Simon the Pharisee assessed the situation and assumed that Jesus could not have been a prophet because a true prophet would not allow himself to be touched by an unclean woman.
7. 7:40 Jesus alone has unique insight into our human hearts. Not only did He know the woman's past, but He also knew what the Pharisee was thinking.
8. 7:41 In ancient texts, sin is frequently referred to as a "debt"; this parable was easily understood as parallel to the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4).
9. 7:42 The parable is not dealing with the amount of sin but with the awareness of sin.
10. 7:42 How much sin must a person commit to be a sinner? Just one (Romans 3:23).
11. 7:43 Simon was just as spiritually bankrupt as the woman, only he did not realize it (or mentally accept it).
12. 7:44-46 The behavior of the two debtors is parallel to the behavior of Simon and of the woman toward Jesus.

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