

WASHING JESUS' FEET WITH TEARS

Luke 7:36-50

A Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to his home to eat. Pharisees prided themselves on being very good and following the rules. That's good to do, but most of the Pharisee's thought they were better than other people. That's not good, is it?

A woman known by everyone to be sinful made her way in. She had some very expensive ointment with her. She bowed down at Jesus' feet. She was crying so hard that as her tears fell, she washed Jesus' feet with them. Then she used her hair to wipe Jesus' feet. After that, she put the ointment on his feet.

Simon thought to himself, that Jesus should know that this woman was a sinner. Simon thought Jesus shouldn't let such a woman even touch His feet.

Jesus knew what Simon was thinking. He told Simon that He had something to say to him.

Jesus told Simon about a man and two people who owed that man money. One owed him five hundred pence. That was a lot of money. The other owed him fifty pence. That wasn't nearly as much money. Neither of them had the money to pay the man what they owed. The man they owed the money to forgave both their debts, so they didn't have to pay the money back.

Then Jesus asked Simon a question. Which of the two would love the man that forgave the debt more? Which do you think?

Simon said he thought it was the one that was forgiven the most. Jesus told Simon that was right.

Jesus told Simon, "When I came to your house I wasn't given a kiss, or water for my feet, or oil for my head, but this woman has washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. She anointed them with oil and kissed them. She has many sins, and they are forgiven. She loves much because she is forgiven much."

Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven, go in peace.”

Back in those days people walked almost everywhere they went, and their feet would get dusty and dirty in their sandals. Their faces would get hot and sweaty. It was customary when a guest would come to your home to give them water to wash their feet, and oil to refresh their face, and to greet them with a kiss. Jesus said Simon hadn’t done any of those things for Him.

The woman known by all to be a sinner wept at Jesus feet and was forgiven of her sins. Because she was forgiven of very much, she loved Jesus very much.

Some people are like Simon. They think they are better than other people. They may think they don’t even need Jesus. We should try our best to good, but no matter how good we are, we still need Jesus to forgive us the things we do wrong.

Search: That day at Simon’s house Jesus shared a great lesson about forgiveness and love. Find Simon, a fork, a spoon, 2 money bags, a goblet, a cup, a box, and 2 bottles hidden in the picture.



