

FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

Luke 7:36-50

Key Verse: 7:47

“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

1. Who invited Jesus to dinner, and how did Jesus respond (36)? What kind of woman also came (37)? What does “a sinful life” mean? What hindrances might she have confronted to come to Jesus?
2. What shocking thing did she do (38)? What does this reveal about her attitude toward Jesus? How could her actions have embarrassed Jesus? How was the Pharisee surprised by Jesus (39)?
3. What story did Jesus tell Simon (40-42a)? What question did Jesus ask Simon and how did he answer (42b-43)?
4. How did Jesus contrast the woman’s and Simon’s attitudes toward him (44-46)? Read verse 47. What compelled the woman’s action? How is forgiveness from Jesus related to loving Jesus? What does this mean to you?
5. What did Jesus declare to the woman (48)? What did Jesus reveal about himself (49; 5:24)? How did Jesus acknowledge and bless her faith (50)?