

JESUS' GRACE OF FORGIVENESS

Luke 7:36-50

Key Verse: 7:50

"Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"

Study Questions:

1. Where was Jesus and what was he doing? Why did Simon invite Jesus? How is the woman who burst on this scene described? How might she have gotten into this kind of life?
2. How did she come to Jesus? What did she bring with her? How did she show her repentance? What did it mean that she wiped his feet and kissed them and poured out her perfume?
3. Why did her actions embarrass Jesus? How did he receive her? Why did he ignore the criticism that her coming was sure to evoke? (Mk 14:8,9) What does it mean to come to Jesus just as we are?
4. What did the Pharisee think about Jesus? What story did Jesus tell him, and what question did Jesus ask? (40-43) Read verses 44-46. How and why did Jesus rebuke Simon? What didn't Simon know about himself?
5. How did Jesus see this woman's coming to him? How did he regard her tears and her anointing? Why is the grace of forgiveness the most precious gift? How did he bless her? (50; Jn 14:27) How can we receive the grace of forgiveness and God's peace?