

Pride & Prejudice

Luke 7:36-50

- 36. 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

As a social and religious outcast she was...

Uninvited *guest*

Unwelcome *guest*

Undesirable *guest*

Unmannerly *guest*

She broke the expectable social/religious etiquette

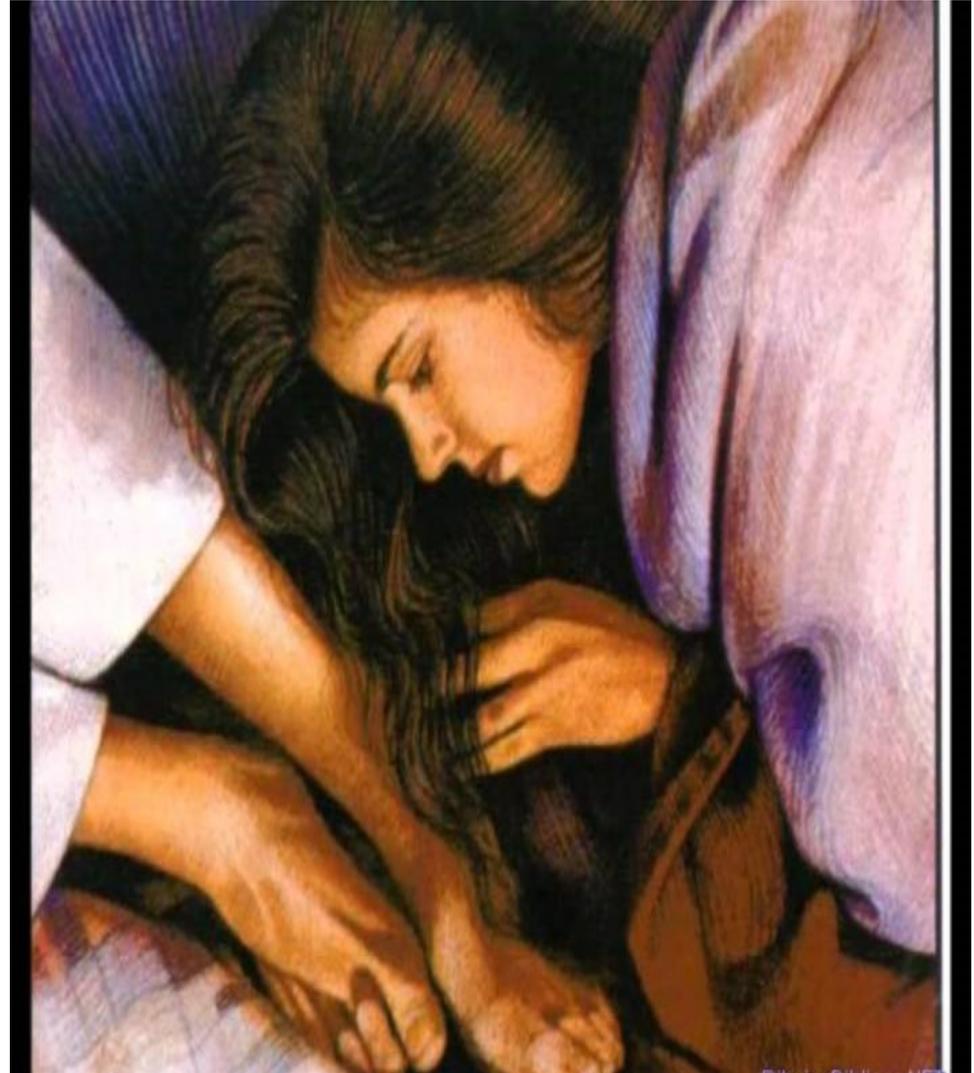
**³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping,
she began to wet his feet with her tears.
Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them
and poured perfume on them**

What was going through their minds?

- ❖ What is she **doing** here?
- ❖ The **cheek** of her, she doesn't belong here?
- ❖ What's **going on** here with her and Jesus?
- ❖ This is **entirely inappropriate** in any public setting
- ❖ Do these two **know each other** something is not right here?
- ❖ Why doesn't he **stop** her?
- ❖ Why doesn't she leave surely she **must know** she doesn't belong here?

A STEP TOO FAR?

- **Uncomfortable**
with the situation ?
- **Struggle**
to keep your mouth shut?
- **Judge** her actions as
totally inappropriate?



**39 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.”**

What was going through Simon’s mind?

- a) He **rejects** the credible of Jesus
- b) He automatically **assumes** that Jesus is clueless
- c) He **assumed** his **opinion** was correct

**40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”
“Tell me, teacher,” he said.**

41. “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.
 42. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”
 43. Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”
- **“You have judged correctly,”** Jesus said.

- ❖ Jesus at no stage say’s **“your wrong Simon“?**
- ❖ Why the parable and the question that follows?
- ❖ The real issue here is **“love”**

**44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon,
“Do you see this woman?”**

Jesus Confronts the Host Publicly

44. You *did not* give me any water for my feet, **but she** wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
45. You *did not* give me a kiss, **but this woman**, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.
46. You *did not* put oil on my head, **but she** has poured perfume on my feet.

- ✓ **Actions speaks louder than words**
- ✓ **Actions reveals true spiritual reality**
- ✓ **Non action reveals what?**

**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.”**

48. Then Jesus said to her, **“Your sins are forgiven.”**
49. the other guests began to say among themselves,
“Who is this who even forgives sins?”
50. Jesus said to the woman, *“Your faith has saved you; go
in peace.”*

- ❖ **Sins for forgiven** without saying a word?
- ❖ **Saving Faith** without saying a word?
- ❖ **Her actions reveals what?**
- ❖ **Great Love** as result of forgiveness'

Life Lesson

- **For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

Matthew 23:12 (NIV)

