

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 7:36-50

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?"**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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In the sermon on the mount, Jesus unveiled the nature and characteristics of the man or woman who is longing for more of God.

*He spoke of the "Longing of the Kingdom Life"  
that is Resident in Those who now Believe.*

**Jesus Said;**

**Matthew 5:6**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

**"HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?"**

**1.) Hungry enough to want to be with Jesus                      v.36-38**

**Luke 7:36-38**

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. :37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a **sinner**, when **she knew** that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, **brought an alabaster flask** of fragrant oil, :38 and **stood at His feet** behind Him **weeping**; and she began to **wash His feet** with her tears, and **wiped them** with the hair of her head; and she **kissed His feet** and **anointed them** with the fragrant oil.

**1a.) Then invite Him into your life?    v.36**

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him.  
And He went to the Pharisees house, and sat down to eat.

## What's Happening Here?

there are several views as to what is going on here. the Pharisees had been hostile toward Jesus Christ, His Message, His Ministry, so what's up here?

It's believed that this is most likely a "Convenient Invitation"

*by "Convenient Invitation" I Mean...*

This is an invitation given to Jesus, but there are motives at play.

The Food is There, The Fire is There, The Invitation's Been Given,  
But there is a Cynical Curiosity about Jesus Christ.

## We Are Nearing Christmas Again,

And The Magazines are Being Drawn Up / The Articles are Being Written.

Jesus and Christmas Will Be The Topic and Argument

**ARE YOU HUNGRY ENOUGH TO BE WITH JESUS?**

*Then invite Him into your life?*

## HUNGRY ENOUGH TO BE WITH JESUS?

**1b.) Then bring Him your best!**

**v.37**

And behold, a woman in the city who was a **sinner**, when **she knew** that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, **brought an alabaster flask** of fragrant oil,

**"A Heavyweight of a Sinner.**

she was well known, the word "a notorious sinner"

it's because of this word usage that she has been seen as a prostitute.

**Her alabaster flask** of fragrant oil,

her wages, her income, her ill gotten gain was stored in that bottle

**1c.) Then give Him your all!**

**v.38**

and **stood at His feet** behind Him **weeping**; and she began to **wash His feet** with her tears, **and wiped them** with the hair of her head; and she **kissed His feet** and **anointed them** with the fragrant oil.

## There is a Contrast Here Between Simon and This Woman.

None of the Common Hospitalities Had Been Offered to Jesus.

The Customary Kiss on the Cheek  
The Customary Washing of the Feet  
and The Anointing of Fragrant Oil (perfume)

### Something Smells Here

*Simon would have had to intentionally omit these common acts of treating a guest, let alone, if he respected Jesus Christ.*

## What Man Engineered as a Trap, The Lord Intervenes, And Makes Opportunity.

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

## "HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?"

### 2.) ***Hungry enough to want to know the truth?*** v.39-43

### Luke 7:39-43

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." :40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." :41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. :42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" :43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

### 2a.) ***The truth is, God is bigger than others*** v.39

Now when **the Pharisee** who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know **who** and **what** manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is **a sinner.**"

## Simon, the Pharisee

would have been a man of convictions. he would have been a moral man, a good man in the eyes of others. He knows enough to know this - that this woman was a great sinner, defiled and lost.

“This Man, *if* He were a prophet, would *know* **who** and **what** *manner* of woman this is who is **touching** Him, for she is **a sinner.**”

## Simon, God Both Knows

"Who" and "What" about Everybody.

***this word "touching" is not a good word to use.***

Simon is so Blinded by his sin, that he cannot see that this woman is actually "Repenting" of her sins at the Feet of Jesus.

The Word Used Here Means to be Touching with an Erotic Intent  
***He Missed It Completely!***

This We Know;  
There's a Strong, Judgmental Tone to Simon's Thought.

***"...for she is a sinner"***  
carries with it a deep disgust and rejection.

**But Simon's Understanding of Righteousness**  
*was to eject the woman from their presence, to protect them.*

*There is a "to hell with her, let's not defile ourselves" kind of attitude.*

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**Verse 39**  
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he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know **who** and **what** manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is **a sinner.**”

**His Assessment is Pretty Accurate, Except,**  
there is just one problem. it's introduced with that little word there; *if*

**Jesus is bigger than the events of our lives**

*He's bigger than the next **earthquake** // bigger than the next **terrorist attack**  
He's bigger than tomorrow's **headlines** // bigger than what's **going on** in your life*

## HUNGRY ENOUGH TO KNOW THE TRUTH?

**2b.) The truth is, God is bigger than me**

**v.40-42**

:40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." :41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. :42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

### A Denarii was a Days Wage

Fifty Denarii was Fifty Days of Wages, Five Hundred Denarii was Roughly a Year and Half of Wages.

**2c.) The truth is, God is bigger than you**

**v.43**

Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And Jesus said to him, "You have rightly judged."

Simon is Introduced to the Fact, That He Too is a Sinner.  
*Jesus' Parable is Clearly Understood by Simon.*

Simon You're in "The 50-Sinners Club"  
but This Woman, She's in The 500-Sinners Club"

She's a Platinum Member, you're just a frequent flyer member

Simon, The Amount of Sin Doesn't Matter,  
It's The Awareness That Sin Matters.

You're On The Same Flight She's On, The Same Path...

**Romans 3:10**

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

### **Awareness, Not Amount**

This Parable, is not focusing on the amount of sin, but the awareness of sin.  
for some it takes just a snapshot and they see that they need Jesus Christ.  
others, it takes a full length, PowerPoint presentation to convince them!

**Jack, You're Making it Sound Like That's a Good Thing.**

it's a terrible thing as is. It's only a great thing if you decide now to come to Jesus like she is doing...

## Then That Which was Terrible Qualifies Us for Something Great and Wonderful.

### Luke 18:10-14

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. :11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, “God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. :12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ :13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ :14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### 1 John 1:7-10

But if we are living in the light of God’s presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. :8 If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. :9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. :10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

## How "Much" Sin Do We Have to Commit, Before We're Sinners?

*(just one, and that "one" was waiting to come out of us)*

## ?????"White Lies vs. Black Lies"?????

there is no little sinner vs. big sinner, there are sinners!  
those forgiven much, love more!

Equally Lost, Levels of Appreciation.

### Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

## "You Can't Get There from Here"

we have nothing to pay with, nothing can pay it,  
Currency Exchange.

The Currency of This World Always Comes Up Short.

Not the Currency of Morality // of a Good Up Bringing.

Not The Currency of Benevolence // or the Currency of Religion.

**God Does Not, Nor Can Use This Currency for Heaven.**

**2c.) The truth is, God is bigger than you**

*If* Simon would open his heart to what he had just said...

This Challenges Our Human Judgment of Things.  
*man is limited in all that he imagines, thinks and knows.*

Man Struggles with Kindness - God doesn't

Man Struggles with the Truth - God doesn't

Man Struggles with Love - God doesn't

Man Struggles with Forgiveness - God doesn't

Man Struggles with Purpose - God doesn't

**"HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?"**

**3.) Hungry enough to want to be forgiven?**

**v.44-50**

**Luke 7:44-50**

Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you (1) gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head :45 You (2) gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. :46 You (3) did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. :47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for (because) she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." :48 Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." :49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" :50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

**HUNGRY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS ?**

**3a.) Because being forgiven sets the 'you' inside free v.44-46**

Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you (1) gave Me no water for My feet, **but** she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. :45 You (2) gave Me no kiss, **but** this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. :46 You (3) did not anoint My head with oil, **but** this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil

## **CHURCH, PLEASE LISTEN, PLEASE HEAR THIS;**

*Simon Willfully Neglected to Offer to Jesus, his Guest, the Honorary Customs of the Day. Each guest invited would have had their Feet washed, then greeted with the traditional kiss, and anointing with perfume - - Simon would have done this to all the others in that room - - but he didn't even offer it to Jesus. - - But this hooker did, what did Simon willfully choose not to do, - - **Worship!!!** she did choose to do!*

Simon, the fact is, you've been curious, and you've provided a fine meal and nice company, but this woman welcomed me, appreciated me, sees me and what I'm all about!

She's free from what others think, say and do about her and against her.

**Hey Bible Student, Seminarian, Theologian;**

she knows no theology, but she knows what to do about Jesus.  
she knows no biblical doctrine, but she worships Him.

**what matters to God?**

## **HUNGRY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS ?**

**3b.) Because being forgiven enables you to love right v.47-49**

Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for (because) she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." :48 Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." :49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

### **But Jack, Theologically, How was She Forgiven**

**When Jesus Had Not Yet Died on The Cross?**

**Jesus Assigned to Her "Properly Directed Faith", that is,  
"Her Faith in Him"**

**to what He was about to do at the cross.**

**In Simple Terms - Her Forgiveness was Placed on "Lay-a-Way"  
until Jesus paid it in full.**

#### **Ephesians 1:7**

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through His blood,  
the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

**1 Peter 1:18-20**

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, :19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. :20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

## HUNGRY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS ?

### **3c.) Because being forgiven rescues you forever v.50**

In This Lofty Chapter of Luke 7, the great miracle was performed, greater than all others. the redemption, the rescuing of a human soul,

Then He said to the woman,  
"Your **faith** has saved you. Go in **peace**."

**Ephesians 2:1-4**

And you *He **made alive***, who were dead in trespasses and sins, :2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, :3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. :4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Christian, once you have been 'Made Alive' by Jesus Christ,  
no sin, no fear, no pain can change this new life.

**Romans 8:38-39**

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"Go in (to) **peace**"

peace eijrh/nh eirene, *i-ray'-nay*;

to go into... go into prosperity of soul, go into rich of heart, go into lasting peace, go to a quietness of body, soul and spirit, go into rest.

**THE PICTURE IS THIS... SEE THAT DOOR,  
GO INTO IT FOR PEACE**

*Many Bible Scholars See This Woman's Actions as a Result of a Famous Invitation that Jesus had Given Earlier...*

**Matthew 11:28-30**

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. :30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

**Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, having been justified (placed in right standing) by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, :2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**Luke 6:21**

Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled.  
Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh.

**This is The Same Jesus, The One and Only  
and Forever Jesus,**

**Hebrews 13:8**

The Same Jesus Christ who *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

This Says To All Those Today Who Will Come to Him,  
“Your **faith** has saved you. Go in **peace**.”

*The Closer I Get to Jesus, The More Clearly I See the Lord, the more valuable I see you, the more terrible I see my sin, the more glad I am.*

**Because;**

**John 3:16**

For God so loved Jack, that He gave His only begotten Son, that if Jack would believe in Him he would not perish but have everlasting life.

**John 6:35**

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

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**FRIEND, "HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?"**

**HUNGRY ENOUGH TO BE WITH JESUS?**

**HUNGRY ENOUGH TO KNOW THE TRUTH?**

**HUNGRY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS ?**

*End of Study*