

Luke 7:36 – Who Was A Sinner



Questions from March 8, 2026

(1) Who can forgive sins?

- ❖ A good moral teacher does not have the right to forgive all of your sins. Only God does.

(2) Your Faith is revealed by your affection for Jesus.

- ❖ If you are cold and indifferent toward Jesus.
 - You either don't really believe He is God; or
 - You don't really believe you are a sinner.
 - Either way, you don't believe the gospel.

(3) Respectable sins are just as evil as scandalous ones.

- ❖ Respectable people, like Simon, invite Jesus into their life and then ignore him.
- ❖ Instead, they live for other things while acting as though Jesus should be happy just to be allowed in their presence.

(4) Faith in Jesus Saves

- ❖ Faith in Christ as Lord (God, King), and Savior who took the punishment for your sin on the cross and rose again.
- ❖ All your sins are paid for and forgiven: past, present & future
- ❖ You are saved through faith alone; you do not earn it!
- ❖ But faith that saves is never alone; it's accompanied by fruit.

Ice Breakers

- (1) Share how you are doing and pray for each other.
- (2) Growing up, how did your family welcome guests. How do you?

Digging Deeper

- (3) Read Luke 7:36-47. Though this woman and her society viewed her sin as the bigger debt, explain why Simon's sin was actually worse.
- (4) Read Luke 7:48-50 and Point 1. Why would it be weird for an ordinary human to say that he forgave all of your sins? Why is only God qualified to do so?

Living Out

- (5) Read Luke 7:44-47 again and Point 2. How does warm affection for Jesus show that your faith in him is genuine?
- (6) Read Point 3. Explain how inviting Jesus into your life and then ignoring him (while being a respectable person) is similar to how Simon treated Jesus.
- (7) Read Luke 7:50 and Point 4. There are two major errors among people who profess to be Christians. The first error is believing that you must earn your salvation through your love and good works, besides having faith in Jesus. The second error is believing that love and good works don't matter if you have faith in Jesus.
 - Explain this famous saying by Martin Luther: "Faith alone saves, but the faith that saves is never alone."