

The Gospel of Luke: Crazy Love

1. Jesus is Invited to Dinner (7:36-39)

- A. The Setting – the dinner; people reclined, feet (dirty) far from table; time for high conversation; talk of spiritual issues, issues in the gov't and country; many would come to listen, some beggars for food
- B. The Pharisee – his disdain and hatred for Jesus (trying to trap Him), and for the woman (vs.39)
- C. The Woman (don't know her name, not the Mary who put perfume on Jesus' head, different story)
 - 1. she is a sinner, term for most despised, NOT welcome– _____ breach of social customs
 - 2. she brings an alabaster vial (Egyptian marble) of perfume – very expensive, costly to her
 - 3. she *notices* Jesus' feet are dirty – rains down her tears, weeping, sobbing over being forgiven
 - 4. she lets _____ her hair – required to keep hair up; this was shameful, woman could be divorced for this – she is wiping and drying His feet with her hair (*socially, a woman's glory*)
 - 5. she continually kisses His feet – kissing, hugging, embracing His feet, then pours out perfume
- D. Jesus – allows her to do this; it's an act of love and worship from her and then, Jesus, in His love for Simon, is going to use it as an arrow of conviction right to his heart – so He tells him a parable...

2. The Parable of the 2 Debtors (7:40-50)

- A. The Parable of the 2 Debtors
 - 1. The moneylender's grace and 2 debts (graciously – Gk. charis – _____)
 - *to forgive a debt is to put the debt on _____.
 - 2. Which one has more gratitude and love for the moneylender? *the one _____ more
 - *the teaching principle - great love is motivated by/comes from great _____
- B. Jesus' Question – Which one loves Me/God more?
 - 1. The _____ love of the woman and the _____ of Simon the Pharisee (religious) *vs.44-46
 - *Simon you gave Me no water for My feet, no kiss of greeting/respect, no anointing
 - *This was a total disdain, slander and disgrace towards Jesus
 - *Woman – she noticed My dirty feet and washed and dried them with her tears and hair; she embraced and kissed My feet and wiped them with her hair
 - *she gave her most valuable possession to put on His feet. ***2Cor5:14-15
 - 2. The _____ of sin owed to God (vs.47)
 - *the woman's humility and gratitude – she saw the depth of her sin before God and had been forgiven – vs.48 – Gk. perfect tense, have been in the past with continuing result in the present and future; *remember Luke6:20-21 ! *shows already saved (vs.50)
 - *she did all that she did (*crazy love!*) because she was forgiven – it was all for love and gratitude to Jesus for what He had done – this is the fruit of a transformed life!!!
 - *Simon's pride – he thought he was righteous and acceptable to God; I'm a good person!
 - ***Luke6:24-26; Matt23:12-15,25,27-28,33 – who is the worst here?!!!**
- C. The crazy love of Jesus!
 - 1. Our debt of sin to God – what are the 2 KEYS in seeing the greatness of the love of God?!!!
 - *to see the greatness and majesty of who He is (woman vs. Simon) *Is6:3; Ex33:18-23
 - *to see the depth and depravity of our sin!!! *Rom3:10-12,23; Is.59:2; 64:6
 - 2. Have you seen the depth of your sin and depravity before God? Or, are you a Simon?
 - 3. Jesus will forgive much, for He paid much! *Is53:4-10; Phil2:5-8 – *the King paid our debt!*
 - 4. How far would you go to express your love to Christ? _____