

THE FORGIVEN WOMAN
LUKE 7:36-8:3
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Intro: All four gospels have an anointing by a woman. (Matt 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, and John 12:1-8)

1. The Criticism (36-39)

- a. Invitation over to the Pharisees house and the unexpected guest
- b. The Woman's Courage
- c. The host's judgement of Jesus (disapproval and doubt?)

2. A love revealed (40-46)

- a. Parable of Forgiven Debt
 - i. Neither could repay
 - ii. Both are forgiven
- b. Jesus saw her
- c. The "love" of the Pharisee compared to the love of the "Sinner"

3. Faith and Forgiveness (47-50)

- a. Forgiven because of her love? (Cause) Or: Love because she has been forgiven? (Evidence)

- b. Not glossing over sin, but not the focus

- c. Who Forgives sins?

- d. Her Past Sin, Her Present Faith, Her Future Peace

- e. Water Analogy

- f. The women that followed Jesus (8:1-3)

Questions to dwell on:

- a. What do you think this woman was feeling when she came in and how do you think the people in the room responded?

- b. How do you think Christians sometimes can open the door or close the door to people who feel like they are unclean because of their past?

- c. How would you explain/apply different facets of the Gospel to: The “Sinful woman” or to the “Proud pharisee”

- d. How does the water analogy help you think about our sin and God’s cleansing?

- e. Do you struggle with living in the forgiveness of Christ for yourself and if so, why?