

Luke 7:36-50 **Woman Anointed Feet of Jesus**

³⁶ 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.

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."

⁴⁰ And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And 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."

⁴⁴ Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you 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 gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶ You 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 she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." ⁴⁸ And 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." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus was anointed by Mary the sister of Martha, Lazarus, and Judas Iscariot, daughter of Simon the leper who was a Pharisee. [[Matthew 26:6-13](#), [Mark 14:3-9](#), [Luke 7:36-50](#), [John 12:1-8](#)]
- ✚ One of the disciples, her brother Judas Iscariot criticized the waste. [[Matthew 26:8-9](#), [Mark 14:4-5](#), [John 12:4-6](#)]
 - ✧ Her father Simon said, "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." [[Luke 7:39](#)]
 - ✧ This gives us a clue that Mary might have been a harlot.
- ✚ Jesus addressed her father Simon who was a Pharisee, saying:
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✚ Jesus forgave Mary of her sins. [Luke 7:48]

✧ Jesus had taught that repentant **harlots** might enter the Kingdom of Heaven, while Chief Priests, Elders, Scribes, and Pharisees might not be allowed in. [Matthew 5:20, 8:11-12, 21:31-32, 43, 23:13, Luke 13:22-30]

✚ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" [Luke 7:49]

✧ People often question the authority of Jesus to forgive sins, but Jesus proved He had that authority when He healed the paralytic man on the stretcher. [Matthew 9:1-8]

✚ Jesus credited it as anointing for His burial. [Matthew 26:10-12, Mark 14:6-8, John 12:7]

✚ Jesus made this a memorial for Mary, wherever this Gospel is preached. [Matthew 26:13, Mark 14:9]

✚ Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." [Luke 7:50]