

Parable of the two Debtors (Luke 7: 36-50)

The Pharisees hated Jesus & very early decided to destroy Jesus

They hated Jesus for many reasons, not least of which his love of sinners

The question we ask is, “What is Jesus doing at a Pharisees house?”

I. The Context and the Setting (Luke 7:36)

A Pharisee asked Jesus to join him for a meal: Sabbath meal customary

No sign of friendship: an opportunity to gather information about Jesus

II. A Sinful Woman (7:37, 38)

And behold: indicates something startling/shocking is about to happen.

- “A woman in the city, a sinner” she’s got a bad reputation/ prostitute
- She began to wash Jesus’ feet with her tears/ dry them with her hair

III. A Self-Righteous Pharisee (Luke 7:39)

Pharisee dismissed Jesus’ not knowing the kind of woman touching Him

Jesus “answered and said to him” Jesus knew his very thoughts

IV. The Parable of the Two Debtors (Luke 7:40-42)

- Jesus gives a short parable: two debtors who couldn’t pay their debt
- One owed 500 *denarii* the other 50- both were forgiven. who loves more?

V. Jesus Applies the Parable (Luke 7: 43-50)

- The Pharisee spoke the principle: those forgiven much love much
- Jesus applies the principle, because of her faith, her sins are forgiven