

Simon and the Sinner

Luke 7:36-50

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Introduction

- What motivates you to do what you do?
- The “Cost” of following Jesus
- What sufficient cause would motivate a person to give up their life to follow Jesus?

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A. The SCENE—7:36-39

1. Jesus accepts invitation to Simon’s for dinner!
 - a. Jesus socialized with full spectrum of society if invited.
 - b. Possible reasons for invitation
 - 1). To observe Jesus rather than honor Him
 - 2) To check out if Jesus is the “Great prophet”—Luke 7:16
 - 3) To try to catch Jesus in a gaffe—Luke 6:7
2. Hospitality Customs in Jesus’ day
 - a. Open Courtyard Dining
 - b. Laying at the table
3. Introduction of the “Sinner”
 - a. Possible reasons she’s been labeled “the sinner”
 - b. Her actions in paying homage to Jesus
4. Simon’s Offense
 - a. Toward the woman: How dare she?
 - b. Toward Jesus: How could he?

B. The STORY: Parable of the Two Debtors—7:40-50

1. The Story Told—7:40-43
2. The Story Amplified—7:44-46
 - a. Exposes the shabby treatment of the host
 - b. Exposes the humble, loving treatment of the sinner
3. The Story Applied—7:47, 50
 - a. Jesus did know the woman who was touching Him.
 - b. Jesus knew that the transformation process had already taken place in her. Her sins had already been forgiven.
 - She had been saved “by faith”—v. 50
 - c. Jesus identifies the proper motive for loving Him as gratitude for forgiveness.
4. The Story Extended: Paul as “Simon” and the “Sinner”
 - a. Properly viewed his self-righteous acts as rubbish—Phil. 3
 - b. Saw himself as the “worst of sinners”—1 Tim. 1:12-16
 - c. Never forgot how much he had been forgiven—1 Cor. 15:8-10
 - d. Because he had been forgiven much, Paul loved much.