

ANOINTING AT SIMON'S HOUSE

LUKE 7:36-50

Suppose Jesus, God's Son came to your house for dinner. How would you treat Him? And then from down the street, the kid you liked the least showed up wanting to talk to Jesus. What would you do? Well, Simon, from our Bible story in Luke chapter 7, did not like it when something similar happened to him.

One day this man named Simon asked Jesus to come to his home for dinner. But as they were eating, a bad woman came with a very expensive perfume and poured it over Jesus' feet. She began to cry for she was so sorry for her sins and wanted to be forgiven. Her tears fell on Jesus' feet. She wiped her tears from Jesus' feet with her long hair as she kissed them and poured the perfume over them. Simon knew this woman was a sinner and he said to himself: "If Jesus was really God's prophet He would know who this woman is and how bad she is and would send her away".

Simon did not understand that Jesus is God's Son, the Saviour, who came to forgive and love sinners. But Jesus knew what Simon was thinking and said to him. "Simon, I have something to say to you.

Two people owed a man some money. One owed him a lot and the other owed him just a little. But neither of them had any money to pay him back. So he told them they could forget about it and they would not have to give him the money back. Tell me now, which of the 2 men do you suppose would like him best for being so kind to them?" Simon replied, "Well, I suppose the one who owed him the most." "Yes" Jesus said, "That is correct." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon "Do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you did not give me any water to wash my feet. But she has washed my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me the customary kiss of greeting on my cheek but this woman has kissed my feet again and again. You did not anoint my head with oil. But she anointed my feet with her perfume. Those who think they only have a little to be forgiven for will love me only a little. Her many sins have been forgiven." Then Jesus turned to the woman and said "Your sins are forgiven. Go home in peace." The other people at the table began to murmur to each other. Who is this man who even forgives sins?

No matter what other people may think or say we can always come to Jesus to have our sins forgiven. But we must understand who Jesus is. Only God can forgive sin. Jesus is God. He is God the Son. God is waiting to hear from us. He said in the Bible "Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." God, our Saviour, wants all persons to be saved and come to the knowledge of His truth. Read today's story in your Bible in Luke chapter 7 verses 36 to 50.