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**‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’**

Jesus’s forgiveness

Jesus’s **identity**

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## Who is Jesus to you?

1. Distant?
2. Threatening?
3. Friendly?

Our intuition or experiences  
can mislead us.

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## How to meet Jesus truly?

Luke sets the scene (v35):

**'Opinion polls don't count for much, do they?  
The proof of the pudding is in the eating.'**  
(Message translation)

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**Simon the Pharisee?**

**The woman?**

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## Who is Simon and where is he coming from?

“If this man were a prophet” (v39)

“Here is [...] a friend of tax collectors and sinners.” (v34)

Inside  
God's  
covenant

### Jesus?

‘I have not come to call the  
righteous, but sinners to  
repentance.’ (Luke 5:32)

Outside  
God's  
covenant

The ‘righteous’ led by the  
Pharisees (owe only 50 denarii)

‘Sinners’, tax collectors  
(owe 500 denarii)

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## Who is the woman and where is she coming from?

**Outcast**

**Extremely grateful**

**Sees forgiveness in Jesus**

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God's  
covenant

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## Simon tries to humiliate Jesus

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, **he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.**

You did not **give me water for my feet**, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

You did not **give me a kiss**, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.

You did not **put oil on my head**, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

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## The irony: Simon the Pharisee is blind, the 'sinful woman' sees

Because **Simon does not see Jesus as his forgiver:**

Blind about himself, the woman and Jesus

Because **the woman sees Jesus as her forgiver:**

Knows who Jesus is

Reveals Simon's heart

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**When I forget that 'Jesus is the forgiver'**

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**2. Live like you're forgiven**

**Live like you're receiving from God**

**Live brave, beautiful, God-loving lives.**

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## Live like you're receiving from God

'Being forgiven' is the fundamental posture of your heart.

Don't need to agree with everything right away.

**Your faith has saved you; go in peace. (v50)**

But keep an open and humble heart.

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‘Two people owed money to a certain money-lender. One owed him **five hundred denarii**, and **the other fifty**. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?’

Therefore, I tell you, **her many sins have been forgiven – as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.**’

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## Live brave, beautiful, God-loving lives.

To live like we’re forgiven is to let our failures and guilt behind.

To live like we’re forgiven is to choose the way of God’s love.

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**Who is Jesus to you?**

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**Respond like you're forgiven**

**Hello**

**Forgive me**

**Thank you**

**Please**

**I love you**

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