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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Dr. Luke now continues with the historical narrative of the second year of Jesus's public Ministry.

✝ One of the Pharisees asked him (Jesus) to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

Dr. Luke 7:36-39 ESV

These types of invitation by the Pharisee's were commonly open to the public for the exchange of information and opinion between the hosting Pharisee and the principle invited guest.

Meaning this dinner was open for people to attend and witness even permitting interaction and comments but make no mistake the invitation for conversation was between Jesus and the Pharisee. Such invitations could be out of respect or even serve as a precursor of sorts to be an opportunity for challenge pertaining to disputed differences of opinion. Being such it was not so unusual for how to say "undesirable" people who were not normally welcome at the home of a pious Pharisee to be quietly seen present at such communal occasions.

E.g. the sinning woman of the city is presumed to be a prostitute.

This woman was not only moved in Reverence for Jesus pertaining to what she already knew of His character reputation miracles and teachings, but even more so she was aggrieved to the point of tears & into taking action herself despite the location at the disrespect this Pharisee had shown to Jesus.

Because it was common good mannered social practice in Jesus Time to provide washing opportunity for ones guests at dinner especially for ones dusty feet as they reclined at table.

Tables were low to the ground by which people actually reclined upon pillows or mats face toward the table with their feet placed away. Here Dr. Luke makes it plain that this was the case at this occasion.

Of course even during this Pharisee's insult of social disrespect he also immediately judges with rudeness that this man- this Jesus, certainly can not be a Prophet because if He were He would know just who this woman respectfully honoring Him is actually defiling Him with her lowly attention.

Get that?

This Pharisee considered himself to be of a higher class and stature of each Jesus and this woman. Meaning he was so self centered that he did not even realize just how much this lady by her actions had already out classed him.

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✝ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "What is it, Teacher?" <sup>41</sup> "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Dr. Luke 7: 40-43 RSV

Jesus supernaturally knowing the inner thoughts of this Pharisee Simon begins explaining to him that those forgiven a debt particularly those with an excessive amount of debt are very grateful. Messiah Christ now concludes by linking a financial debtor to ones Spiritual debt of Sin before GOD.

✝ And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss; but she has not stopped kissing My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. <sup>47</sup> For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little, loves little.” <sup>48</sup> And He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” <sup>49</sup> And then those who were reclining at the table with Him began saying to themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Dr. Luke 7: 44-50 NASB

Jesus now makes clear that the Pharisee’s insult of denying Him even the most basic respected social customs of His time did not go unnoticed while further Christ points out that this woman had indeed seen to His correct social needs. Remember in this time and place being found a host that is lacking was considered to be a very embarrassing faux pas even more so than it is still today.

Meaning everyone had taken note or by now have been made very much publicly aware of this Pharisee’s pompous self importance. Besides all that scripture records of this encounter is this mans disgraceful lacking and this much maligned woman being Blessed and respected by Christ.

In reality unlike Simon the Pharisee, this woman was very painfully self aware of her Sin before GOD. While by arrogant pride Simon squandered his opportunity to literally speak with GOD face to face.

Think about it; by her brave reverent actions alone without a word being said- Christ our Lord knew the heart of the woman was true and so He gave to her assurance and Loving comfort that she was now in good standing with Almighty GOD.

So by Faith Christ our Lord Spiritually restored this woman of Sin who had anointed Him as her Messiah. For centuries the identity of this woman has been debated with two possible outcomes.

Either she remains unnamed anonymous or this is the introduction of the Disciple Mary of Magdalene. This is because as Dr. Luke continues His Gospel account Mary Magdalene is now specifically included.

This woman through her Faith found forgiveness and Salvation.

✝ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Romans 5:1 RSV

The well learned Pharisee Simon missed his opportunity that the penitent woman had gained by example below:

✝ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. <sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Matthew 11:25-27 NIV