

HEART FAITH vs HEAD KNOWLEDGE

Luke 7:36-50

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I. THE ANOINTING AND REACTION

One of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him, and He went into the Pharisee's house and took His place at the table. 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, 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. 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."

Luke 7:36-39

If Jesus can turn the life of this woman upside down, then faith in Him can rock your world as well!

The thoughts of Simon were more offensive to Jesus than the immoral actions of Mary.

II. JESUS' REPLY—LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

And Jesus answering said to Him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And He said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Luke 7:40-43

III. JESUS' APPLICATION

Then 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. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Luke 7:44-47

We will never come to know Jesus if we don't come to the point where we recognize our need for Him and repent.

APPLICATION:

Who do you identify more with—Mary or Simon?

Can you relate to Jesus' attitude toward sinners?