

## Sermon Notes 03.12.2017 – “Seeing Jesus – Being Anointed”

### Jesus Speaking to the Pharisees Who Rejected both John the Baptist & Jesus

**Luke 7:31-35** "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like? **32** "They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another, and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.' **33** "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon!' **34** "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' **35** **"Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."**

**I Believe we are to understand – it was these words that prompted the invitation**

### Jesus' Feet Anointed by a Woman in Galilee – See this in your heart

**Luke 7:36-50** Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined *at the table*. **37** And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, **38** and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, **she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.** **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

- She was “devoted to sin... pre-eminently sinful, especially wicked”

*Barnes Notes on the NT*

- She heard that forgiveness could be had
- You know that alabaster represented what she had gained through a life of sin. It may not have been the expensive stuff that Mary would bring, but it was, perhaps, the best she owned
- We all come to the Savior on the same terms and that is what Jesus explains

### Jesus Explains What the Pharisee is Seeing

**40** And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher." **41** "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly." **44** 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. **45** "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.**

**46** "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. **47** **"For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."** **48** Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven." **49** Those who were reclining *at the table* with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?" **50** And **He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."**

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### Jesus' Feet Anointed Again by a Woman in Bethany (Judea)

**John 12:1-8** Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him. 3 **Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.** 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, \*said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?" 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. 7 Therefore Jesus said, **"Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. 8 "For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."**

### Jesus Explains What They Saw

**Matthew 26:10-13** But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you bother the woman? For **she has done a good deed to Me. "For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.** 13 "Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, **what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her."**

- **She has done a good deed to me – something beautiful is the meaning**

### The Scenes Are Very Similar but What Did We See?

The first woman was devoted to sin

Mary was devoted to Jesus (and always being criticized for it)

The first woman poured out the riches she had gained from a life of sin

Mary poured out the riches of a life devoted to Christ

The first woman came to get forgiveness

Mary came because she already had forgiveness

Both were received by Jesus

Both stand as memorials for all to this day.

### The Message is "Come"

**Revelation 22:17** **The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.**

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