

Monday February 20th – *The Woman*~Read Luke 7:34, 36-37 The woman was described as “a woman in the city, who was a sinner.” The Greek for “sinner,” *hamartolos*, is more important than calling her a prostitute or harlot. The scene is set with a Pharisee, a woman “sinner,” and Jesus as a continuation in the previous section where Jesus engages the Pharisees. What do Luke’s word choices for the woman mean to you? What does the dinner invitation by the Pharisee mean?

Tuesday, February 21st – *The Scandal*~Read Luke 7:38 The woman weeps and lets down her hair, cleaning Jesus’ feet and anointing them with oil. Her actions express love and devotion but also have sexual overtones (letting down her hair and touching Jesus’ feet; women never let down their hair in public.) The woman was known to be a “sinner” and in touching Jesus made him unclean. The whole thing has been a scandal to the Pharisee and his home; the act is a challenge to Simon’s honor and to Jesus. Does this social information make this scene more powerful to you? What would it look like in today’s society? What scandalous situation could you imagine where Jesus saves a woman who is considered to be “unclean” or a “sinner?”

Wednesday, February 22nd – *The Logic*~Read Luke 7:39 The logical progression of Simon’s thoughts and the role of Jesus as prophet are challenged by the actions of the “sinful” woman. First, he assumes the woman is a sinner (he has inside knowledge or it is well-known.) Second, he assumes that if Jesus actually is a prophet, he would know what kind of woman that she was. Both of these thoughts seem to be correct but Simon makes false conclusions: 1. If Jesus knew what sort of woman was touching him, he would not allow it and 2. He infers that since Jesus has done nothing to stop the woman he is not a prophet. How does this become a powerful statement of who Jesus really is? (Hint: read Luke 7:48-50)

Thursday – Saturday - *Hospitality Practices* Take a look each day at one of the hospitality practices that Jesus brings up. What do the other passages do to help you better understand the practices. What would it look like today if we had such detailed rituals for welcoming people in our homes?

Thursday, February 23rd – *Foot Washing*—Genesis 18:4; 19:2; Judges 19:21; 1 Samuel 25:41; John 13:3-5

Friday, February 24th – *Kiss of greeting*—2 Samuel 15:5; Luke 15:20; 22:47-48

Saturday, February 25th – *Anointing with oil*—Psalms 23:5; 133:2, Mark 14:3

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

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