



Love and Forgiveness Luke 7:36-50

Something to Start Us Off

- Do you remember a time when you were “let off the hook” for something really serious? Tell us about your reaction to it if you can.

Something to Notice

- Read v.34 as an introduction. How does our present passage relate to what people were saying – or at least help illustrate why they said it?
- Who was the Pharisee speaking to in v.39? And what does he say? Would you say that he was correct in his assessment?

Something to Understand

There is more than one story in the Gospels of Jesus being anointed by a woman at someone’s house. In fact, one appears in each of the four Gospels. Still, they are not all the same. See the additional article by Bill Mounce to help explain the relationships.

- What is the main point of the story that Jesus tells?
- Put yourself in the position of each of the following people mentioned in the story. By the time we get to the end of the passage, what do you suppose each is thinking?
 - a) Simon the Pharisee
 - b) The sinful woman
 - c) The other guests at the table

Something to Take Home

- How might you respond to someone who says that the Bible demeans or insults people by saying that they are sinners?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 7:36-50 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?