

We Remember

Write the letter of the correct answer.

10. b frame used in a funeral a. widow
11. c people moving forward b. bier
12. a had a husband who died c. procession

Write the letter of who may have said these words.

13. d He told us to go home. a. the widow of Nain
14. a No family was with me at my son's funeral. b. the Roman centurion
15. b What I believed, Jesus made happen. c. the widow's son
16. a Jesus told me not to weep. d. the centurion's friends
17. c Jesus told me to get up.



Study Words

-  *anoint* (ə nɔɪnt'): to apply oil for a special purpose
 *pence* (pen(t)s): a penny; what a person was paid for a day's work

One day a Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to his house for a meal. Not many Pharisees wanted the Lord in their homes. They did not like the

way He told them the truth about themselves. They said He was too friendly with sinners.

Most Pharisees thought they were

more holy than anyone else. They thought that touching a sinner or even getting close to one made them unclean. When they saw how Jesus loved sinners, how He talked and ate with them, they said He could not be a very good man.

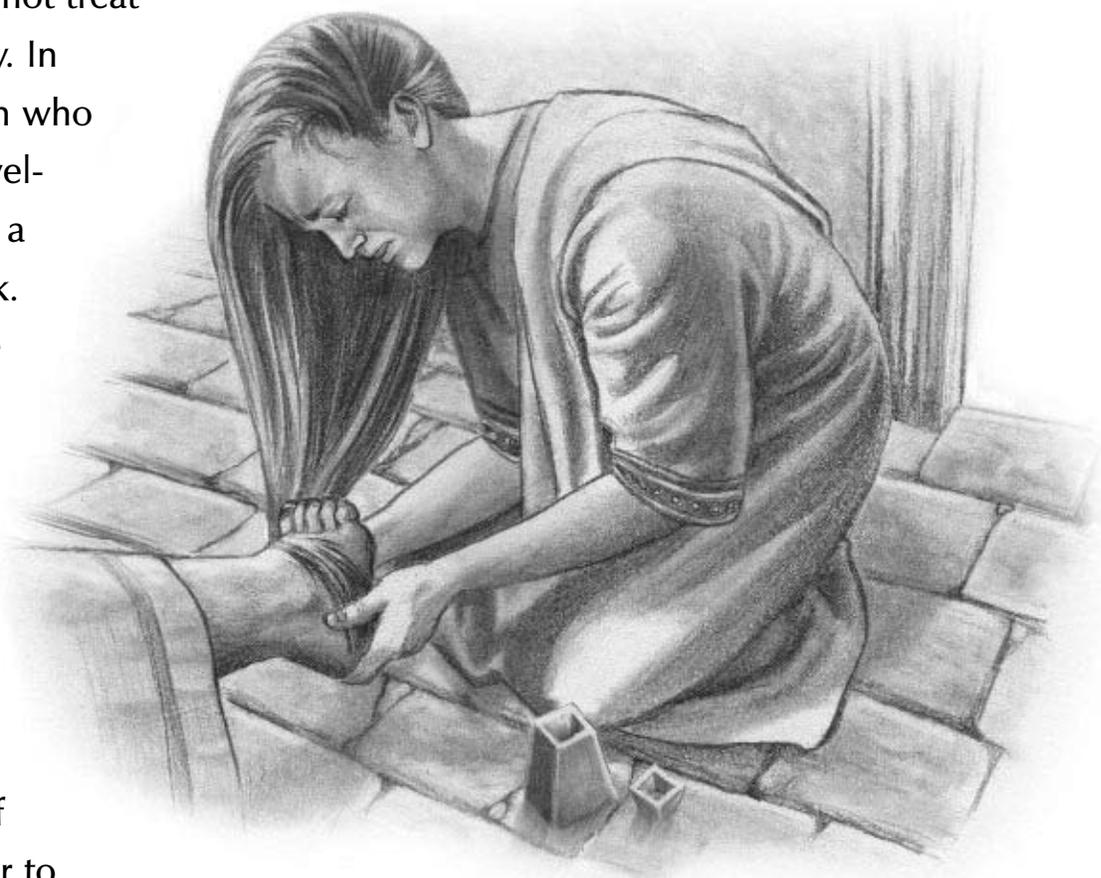
Some people said Jesus was a prophet who had come from God. The Pharisees said He was a sinner. Perhaps Simon invited Jesus to his house so he could decide for himself whether the Lord was a prophet or a sinner.

It is plain that Simon did not love Jesus, for he did not treat Him very politely. In those days a man who invited a guest welcomed him with a kiss on the cheek. He **anointed** the guest with sweet-smelling oil. Then he would have a servant bring water and wash the guest's hot, dusty feet. If he were too poor to

have a servant, he would at least bring water so the guest could wash his own feet. Simon did none of these things for Jesus when He arrived at his house.

In that city lived a sinful woman. She heard about Jesus. His holy life and kindness to everyone made her very sorry for her sinful life. She believed Jesus could forgive her.

When she heard that Jesus was visiting Simon, she came with a box of very expensive perfume. She stood behind Him at His feet. As she wept, her tears fell on His dusty feet. She



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wiped them away with her long hair. Then she kissed His feet and poured the expensive perfume on them.

Simon watched all this. He watched to see what Jesus would do. But the Master did not draw away from the touch of the sinful woman. He did not tell her to go away. And the Pharisee said to himself, *If this man were a prophet, He would know how wicked this woman is. He would not let her touch Him.*

Jesus knew what Simon was thinking. He said, "I have something to say to you, Simon."

"Master, go ahead and say it," replied Simon.

Jesus said, "Once there were two people who owed money to a man. One owed him five hundred **pence**. The other owed him fifty pence. Neither of the two had any money. They could not pay what they owed.

"When the man found out they had no money, he simply forgave the

debts. He told them they didn't have to pay what they owed him.

"Tell me, Simon, which of those two men do you think loved the man the most?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the man who owed five hundred pence loved him more than the man who owed him only fifty pence."

"You are right," said Jesus. Then He went on, "Simon, when I came to your house, you did not give Me water to wash My feet. This woman has washed My feet with her tears. You did not welcome Me with a kiss. This woman has kissed My feet over and over. You did not anoint My head with oil. But this woman has anointed My feet with perfume.

"This woman has shown a great love for Me because she is forgiven of many sins." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

*Her sins, which are many, are forgiven;
for she loved much.*

Luke 7: 47

From the Story

Underline all the answers that correctly finish the sentences.

1. Most Pharisees . . .

believed they were more holy than other people.

liked to hear the truth about themselves.

thought they would be unclean by getting near a sinner.

often invited Jesus to their homes.

2. Simon the Pharisee . . .

treated Jesus very politely.

invited Jesus to his house to eat.

thought Jesus shouldn't let a sinful woman touch Him.

answered Jesus' question correctly.

That's Our God

Circle T for true or F for false.

3. T F Simon thought Jesus should know this was a wicked woman.

4. T F Jesus knew Simon's thoughts before he spoke.

5. T F Jesus forgave the woman's sins.

6. T F Jesus knew Simon loved Him more than the woman did.

Answer the questions.

7. What made the woman sorry for her sinful life? Jesus' holy life and His kindness.

8. What did she want Jesus to do for her? to save her or to forgive her

For Me Today

Jesus could read Simon's thoughts before he said a word.

Unscramble the words in this sentence that tell about us today.

9. **usseJ** Jesus always knows what we are **ghiiknt**
thinking.

How They Lived

In those days people usually treated guests very nicely.

Write what Simon *should have done* for his guest.

10. Welcome Him with a kiss
11. Anoint Him with sweet-smelling oil
12. Wash His feet

We Remember

Circle *T* for *true* or *F* for *false*.

13. T F John the Baptist wondered if Jesus was the Messiah.
14. T F John sent the Pharisees to ask if Jesus was the Messiah.
15. T F John's friends saw the miracles that Jesus did.
16. T F Jesus' message to John was, "I am the Messiah."
17. T F The men John sent found Jesus in Galilee.
18. T F While John was in the wilderness he began to have doubts about Jesus.