



“The Rescue”

Luke 7:36-8:3

HELLO
MY NAME IS

Jesus



The Gospel of Luke: Meeting Our Savior

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Grace will meet you there.
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Question(s) for Prayer Time:



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Scripture Passages Used:

Luke 7:36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. **37** 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, **38** 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. **39** 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." **40** And Jesus answering said to him, "**Simon, I have something to say to you.**" And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

Luke 7:41 "**A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?**" **43** Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "**You have judged rightly.**" **44** 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. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.**" **48** And he said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**" **49** Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" **50** And he said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you; go in peace.**"

Luke 8:1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, **2** and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, **3** and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Col. 2:13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **14** by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Additional Thoughts for Leaders

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— *Think of anything from drowning to a hard-heartedness or rebellion in some area...*

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— *Hers was her sin. For Simon, it was his belief that he was so righteous and didn’t need to be rescued. It was actually his “righteousness” (or self-righteousness) kept him from God.*

► How can being religious easily warp your perception of your self?
— *Thinking you are righteous leads to not thinking you need a savior. Having a big view of self leads to a having a small view of God. Looking down at others leads to not looking up at God.*

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► What must of this woman known about Jesus in order to do what she did?
— *He loves sinners like her. It was safe to come as she is.*

For More Study of the Passage
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Observation: _____

Interpretation: _____

Application: _____

Prayer: _____

