



## BUT WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT IT? "What Did Jesus Say About Forgiveness?" Luke 7:36-50

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### I. The Incident. vv. 36-39

- A. A tense dinner party.
  1. The Pharisee's attitude to Jesus.
  2. Jesus' approach to the Pharisees.
  3. An invitation with a hidden agenda.
  4. A ready acceptance.
- B. A cool reception.
  1. No feet washing.
  2. No welcome kiss.
  3. No anointing oil.
- C. A dramatic intrusion.
  1. A woman with a past.
  2. Tear-washed feet.
  3. Hair-dried feet.
  4. Kissed and anointed feet.
- D. A skeptical attitude.
  1. He can't be a prophet; if he was, he wouldn't let her near him.
  2. People say he's a prophet and he lets them; he's a fraud.

### II. The Parable. vv. 40-50

- A. The story.
  1. Two debts are cancelled by a creditor.
  2. Debtors are grateful.
  3. The one with the largest debt cancelled is most grateful.
- B. The application.
  1. The woman's behavior is normal; she has been forgiven much.
  2. Simon's behavior is indicative of no knowledge of forgiveness.
  3. The woman had been prepared by John the Baptist's ministry. 1:77
  4. She now has her forgiveness confirmed by Christ and goes in peace.

### III. The Point.

- A. The smug Simons of this world.
  1. They see no need for forgiveness as they have no recognition of sin.
  2. They recognize they need forgiveness but they assume they deserve it.
- B. The sorrowful sinners of this world.
  1. They recognize something of the awfulness of their sin.
  2. They long for freedom from the guilt and power of sin.
  3. They mourn their involvement in sin and know their powerlessness.
  4. They recognize forgiveness comes through faith, not works.
  5. They repent and receive and demonstrate their delight and gratitude.

**Points to Ponder:** Am I forgiven? Would anybody ever guess?