

Do you see this woman

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Scripture

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." **Luke 7:36-39**

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **Luke 7:44-48**

"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view." **2 Corinthians 5:16**

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people." **Ephesians 1:18**

Discussion Questions

1. What would motivate this woman to crash a dinner party, bring this expensive gift and weep before Jesus?
2. Why didn't Simon offer Jesus water for his feet, oil for his head, etc? What does this tell us about Simon?
3. What is different about the way that Jesus and Simon see people? What does Jesus see that Simon does not see?
4. What do we need to change to begin to see people the way Jesus sees them? What obstacles, opinions, attitudes might be getting in our way?

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