

Lessons in Luke -- Lesson 4 – Jesus and ‘The Woman’

Introduction:

In these lessons we are looking at the ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Luke. Simeon prophesied over baby Jesus that He would raise up many weak persons and bring down many proud persons (Luke 2:33-35). We see our next example of this in Luke 7:36-50. We look at the second part of this passage this week.

Read this passage at least five times, then answer the questions as best you can:

44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. 45 "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. 46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

47 "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

48 Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

(Luk 7:44-50 NKJ)

In verses 44-46, Jesus compares and contrasts Simon to the woman in three ways. What are those ways? What does this tell you about Simon? The woman?

How does love relate to forgiveness?

What do you think it means to the woman for Jesus to say "your sins are forgiven"? In your opinion what was her sin?

Why are the folks at the meal troubled by this? Were they right or wrong?

What does faith have to do with salvation? What is the relationship between love (vss. 47-48) and faith (vss. 50)?

In this passage, who is raised up? Who is brought down? Why?