

The Pardon of the Sinful Woman.

- 7:36 A Pharisee invited him to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.
- 7:37 Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment,
- 7:38 she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.
- 7:39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner."
- 7:40 Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.
- 7:41 "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty.
- 7:42 Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?"
- 7:43 Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly."
- 7:44 Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
- 7:45 You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered.
- 7:46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment.
- 7:47 So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."
- 7:48 He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
- 7:49 The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"
- 7:50 But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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Dissecting a Miracle

Using the knowledge you have collected today and from other sessions, identify the key elements in these miracle stories from the Gospel of Luke that exemplify the following:

- 1) Recognition of self-denial and human dignity
- 2) Hospitality
- 3) Prayer
- 4) Mercy
- 5) Forgiveness
- 6) Miracle – "change of heart"

Mark the text and scribble notes to identify your thoughts, feelings, and ideas.

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

- 19:1 He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town.
- 19:2 Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man,
- 19:3 was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature.
- 19:4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.
- 19:5 When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."
- 19:6 And he came down quickly and received him with joy.
- 19:7 When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner."
- 19:8 But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over."
- 19:9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.
- 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."