

## **Good Morning Ardena!!!**

As I continue to study and prepare for March 26<sup>th</sup>, I want to share with you a few thoughts regarding a message on **Luke 7:36-50** titled **“Why are you here...and are you poured out for Jesus?”** Last week I asked Ardena to read Luke 7:1-22 and make several observations regarding the authority of Jesus demonstrated in His encounters with various people.

This week I will ask that you read **Luke 7:36-50** several times and ask pertinent questions. I believe that you will find the captivating dialogue and exchange between Jesus, Simon and a woman caught in sin to be so insightful to the extent of God’s love.

<sup>6</sup> Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined *at the table*. <sup>37</sup> And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume. <sup>39</sup> Now 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 person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.”

<sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he replied, “Say it, Teacher.” <sup>41</sup> “A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have judged correctly.” <sup>44</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. <sup>47</sup> For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.” <sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” <sup>49</sup> Those who were reclining *at the table* with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

### **Questions to think about after reading and re-reading Luke 7:36-50:**

1. What do you think was the motivation of Simon to invite Jesus to dine with him? Was Simon interested in Jesus? Did he want to become a follower? Did he believe Jesus was a prophet?
2. What was the motivation of the woman to come to Jesus? What were some of the obstacles she faced coming into Simon’s house? Do you think she was welcome?
3. What did Simon see when he looked at this broken and weeping dear woman? How is Simon’s perception of the woman similar to God’s assessment of people captured in 1 Samuel 16:7?
4. In what ways did the woman “pour herself out” at the feet of Jesus?

Again, I pray that you have a wonderful day of worship today. I will ask you to continue to pray for Ardena. Please join me in preparing our hearts by reading God’s Word and praying for the March 26<sup>th</sup> service.

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