



FOOT-WASHING PROSTITUTE

LUKE 7:36-50



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What is it about Jesus the Messiah that we love so much? He was a great teacher, a miracle worker, a savior of the human race, and a powerful prophet. The gospel writer John says it would be impossible to write down all the amazing, world-changing acts of Yahweh's Christ. What impacts all of us the most, though, is how Jesus loved and invested in the most broken and despised people in his day's society. The master icon illustrates for us one such figure that we have not forgotten two thousand years later: the foot-washing prostitute. A famous religious leader invited Jesus over to his home to eat dinner with his friends. After the meal, a prostitute came into this highly-esteemed leader's home. She kneeled at Jesus' feet and anointed them with expensive perfume. This sinful woman wept uncontrollably, washed the Messiah's feet with her river of tears, and wiped them dry with her hair. In return, Jesus forgave her multitude of sins and set this captive free from bondage. And she is free indeed. The fruit-bearing tree through the window represents how, of all Simon the Pharisee's dinner guests, it was the uninvited one who was bearing fruit of Yahweh's kingdom. The sun shining represents the providential favor and blessing of our heavenly Father who ordained this moment in history to take place. The fire and peace dove Jesus holds is his promise to give the Holy Spirit to whomever will receive his forgiveness and follow him as Lord of their lives. The open door represents the Lord's invitation to all of us: humble yourself and repent like this prostitute. Let us weep for our rebellion against the Most High God and cry out for forgiveness. His gift of salvation is free and final, and when we call on the name of the Lord, we are saved! Let us learn a lesson of humility from the prostitute and find freedom from fear of death and an eternity separated from God in hell by running to the feet of Jesus Christ, the Living Water.

Foot Washing Prostitute story sketches:

Sketch #1: Jesus & woman - This picture is the story logo. This sketch illustrates the prostitute visiting Jesus with plans to anoint his feet with fragrant perfume.

Sketch #2: Tears & perfume bottle - This sketch illustrates the first part of the story where Jesus eats with Simon and the prostitute comes in to wash the Lord's feet.

Sketch #3: Money bag & coins - This sketch illustrates the second part of the story where Simon is upset, and Jesus tells his friend a story about forgiveness.

Sketch #4: Broken chain & woman - This sketch illustrates the third part of the story where Jesus forgives the woman and sets this captive free!