

### **Luke 7:36-8:3**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him,  
and he went into the Pharisee's house  
and took his place at the table.

And a woman in the city, who was a sinner,  
having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house,  
brought an alabaster jar of ointment,  
and stood behind him at his feet, weeping,  
and began to bathe his feet with her tears  
and to dry them with her hair,  
kissing his feet  
and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself,  
"If this man were a prophet,  
he would have known who and what kind of woman this is  
who is touching him—that she is a sinner."

Jesus spoke up and said to him,  
"Simon, I have something to say to you."  
"Teacher," he replied, "Speak."

"A certain creditor had two debtors;  
one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.  
When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them.  
Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one  
for whom he canceled the greater debt."  
And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon,  
"Do you see this woman?  
I entered your house and you gave me no water for my feet,  
but she has bathed my feet with her tears  
and dried them with her hair.

You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in  
she has not stopped kissing my feet.  
You did not anoint my head with oil,  
but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

*Text is an arrangement of the NRSV with minor revisions to facilitate storytelling.*

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven;  
she has shown great love.

But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

But those who were at the table with him began to say among  
themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you.  
Go in peace."

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming  
and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God.

The twelve were with him, as well as some women  
who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities:  
Mary, called Magdalene,  
from whom seven demons had gone out,  
and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza,  
and Susanna, and many others,  
who provided for them out of their resources.