

## “The Two Debtors”

Luke 7:36-50

Jesus' dinner with a Pharisee named Simon was turned upside down by the entrance and actions of a surprise guest. Who was this weeping woman? It wasn't Mary of Bethany (Jn 12:1-8) or Mary Magdalene (8:2) but an unnamed notoriously immoral woman.

\*How did she crash this party? Why is she doing all this stuff to Jesus?

\*What is so terribly ironic about Simon's conclusion about Jesus (39)?  
Jesus often knew others' thoughts (5:22, 6:8, 9:47, 11:17)

### Parable

\*What is unusual about this parable?

\*500 denarii = 1 ½ year's wages,  
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\*Referents seem to be whom?

Moneylender = ?

Debtor of 500 denarii = ?

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\*Contrast: Irony: response of Simon to Jesus vs. the weeping woman.

Compare to parable of Pharisee and Publican, 18:9-14

\*Which are you more like. . . Simon or the woman?

**What points does this parable make about people and sin?**

*Forgiveness is. . .*

*God is most concerned with our. . .*

*Sins of our past can be a catalyst for. . .*

This clearly implies all sins aren't equal and also suggests that a look back can be a step forward (2 Pt. 1:9). What must do we in order to avoid being "Simonized"?