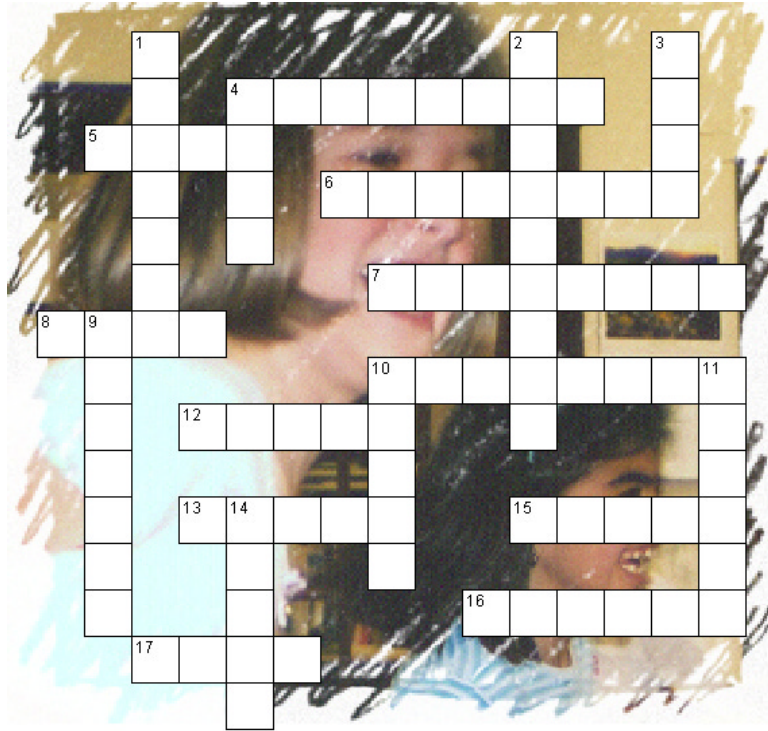


# Crossword Puzzle



## Across

4. Her sins which are many are \_\_\_\_\_
5. ...which one would love... the \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Simon was a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ His feet with ointment.
8. A sinful woman from the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus, knowing Simon's \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Jesus went to Simon's \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Simon gave no \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord to wash His feet.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ the Pharisee.
16. Simon invited the Lord to a \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Simon invited the \_\_\_\_\_ to a dinner.

## Down

1. Simon thought "If He were a \_\_\_\_\_"...
2. Simon was proud and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This story shows that genuine \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord...
4. She anointed the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Simon \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord to a dinner.
10. She washed His feet with her \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The woman was a \_\_\_\_\_.
14. She was \_\_\_\_\_ that her great debt of sin had been forgiven.



Parent's Initials:

## The Ministry of the Lord Jesus

- Lesson Twenty-Three -

### *Gospel Presentation (4) – The Forgiving Savior and Loving Sinner*

#### I. Overview.

The Lord Jesus is only truly known and loved by those who have believed in Him and trusted in Him to be their Savior. As the Savior, He is the One who forgives sins. To accept the Lord in a formal and religious way will not result in the forgiveness of sins, nor will it produce a true love for the Lord. If we truly believe in Him and receive Him as our Savior, our sins will be completely washed away. This will cause our hearts to be filled with love and appreciation for Him.



*Simon the Pharisee  
invited the Lord Jesus to  
his house for a dinner.*

In yet another story from the Gospel of Luke we can see the difference between a proud and religious Pharisee who was merely curious about the Lord, and a sinful humble woman who wept at His feet because of her sin. The Pharisee, whose name was Simon, despised the woman and wondered why the Lord would let her touch Him and pay attention to Him.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.”**

(Luke 7:47)

### III. Lesson.

This lesson brings us to the story of a Pharisee named Simon who invited the Lord Jesus to his home for a dinner. Simon was a proud and religious person who was only curious about the Lord, but did not really believe in Him or love Him. While Simon's formal dinner was going on, a sinful woman from the city entered and came to Jesus. She wept upon Jesus' feet and wiped her tears with her hair to dry His feet. She kissed His feet and anointed them with ointment.

#### Great Forgiveness Brings Great Love

Simon the Pharisee was quite bothered that Jesus would allow such a sinful woman to touch Him and to anoint His feet. He said within himself "If He [Jesus] were a prophet He would know... what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, because she is a sinner." Jesus, knowing Simon's thoughts told him a story and asked him a question. He told him about a money-lender who had two people who owed him money. One owed him five hundred denarii and the other owed him fifty. Since neither could repay him, he forgave them both their debt. Then Jesus asked him which one would love the money-lender the more.



The sinful woman realized that the Lord had forgiven her much. Therefore she loved Him much.

Simon correctly answered that the one who had the larger debt forgiven would love the more. The Lord Jesus then began to tell Simon that the woman loved Him more than he did because she was aware that her great debt of sin was being forgiven. He compared how Simon had not even provided water for Him to wash His feet, yet the woman had washed His feet with her tears and had dried them with her hair. He compared how

Simon had not greeted Him, but the woman had not ceased kissing His feet. He showed how Simon had not anointed His head but the woman had anointed His feet with ointment.

This story shows that the genuine love for the Lord only comes through our appreciation of the Lord's forgiveness of our sins. If we don't realize how sinful we are and that the Lord is the One who completely forgives sins, we, like Simon, will not have much love for the Lord. However, if like the sinful woman, we realize our sins and how much we need the Lord's forgiveness, we will greatly love and appreciate Him. We should not be proud like the Pharisee, but humble like the sinful woman. This will cause us to love the Lord Jesus.

### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What will cause us to really love the Lord?  
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2. Why was Simon bothered about the woman paying attention to the Lord Jesus.  
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3. Who had the greater appreciation for the Lord?  
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4. How can we have a greater love for the Lord?  
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