



# When “At the Feet of Jesus”

**Matthew  
15:29-30**

# We Can Learn Three Things at the Feet of Jesus

## #1 We Learn What Humility Can Accomplish

*Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then He went upon the mountainside and sat down. Great crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them. Matthew 15:29-30*

- I can see our Health Ministry Members doing this with us
- Laying people at the feet of Jesus indicated that their approach was not prideful or demanding
- It was an humble recognition of a need from the helpless to the helper (when you need something, your attitude and your approach to the helper are important)

## Look at Mark 5:22-24

*Then one of the synagogue leaders named Jairus came, and when He saw Jesus, He fell at His feet. He pleaded earnestly with Him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” So Jesus went with him.*

- Note That all of this went on with Jairus at Jesus’ feet
- As a ruler, I doubt that Jairus would fall at anyone’s feet, BUT in the presence of Jesus, Jairus was different
- In the presence of Jesus, your earthly status shouldn’t matter to your approach (your profession/position at work, your financial status)

***In The Presence Of Jesus, We’re All Inferior!***

***Isaiah 64:6***

# How We Approach Jesus is Important!

- Do we approach Jesus with a “demanding spirit?”
- Do we approach Jesus with expectations to get whatever we want because we’ve decided to “try Him out?” As if Jesus is being evaluated “by us!”
- As if we say, “I want YOU to do this for me right now or else!”

Whether it’s a medical problem that we have

Whether it’s God’s protection (our enemies, COVID 19)

Whether it’s God’s provisions (employment, home, transportation, family concerns)

*But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

**Psalms 139:1-2**

**Jesus is the Evaluator!**

***“You have searched me Lord and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.”***

***Allow God to Evaluate You and Me  
and Not Vice Versa!***

***Hebrews 4:12***

## #2 We Learn How to Worship

- In Matthew 28 after Jesus rose from the grave, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Joses, went to the tomb of Jesus not knowing that He had already risen
- They were surprised to see an angel instead, who told them to go and tell His disciples what had happened
- As they hurried off with joy in their hearts, Jesus met them:

*So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshipped Him. Matthew 28:9*

# Observations

- Imagine the awe and amazement of seeing a dead loved one alive (we get excited when we see a loved one unexpectedly)
- But notice that these women didn't run up and throw their arms around Jesus in excitement and happiness

## *They Knew Whose Presence They Were In!*

- Out of reverence and respect they grabbed Jesus' feet honoring Him in His Holiness
- True Worship Involves "Knowing Whose Presence We Are In"
- Remember when Jesus was "transfigured" on a high mountain (a change in His presence); He appeared, "as bright as the sun" before the disciples, Peter, James, and John. Matthew 17:1-5. It was a "confirmatory presence" 2Pet. 1:17
- Moses and Elijah from the Old Testament appeared with Jesus

# The Disciples Expressed Their Delight in the Privilege to Witness the Occasion

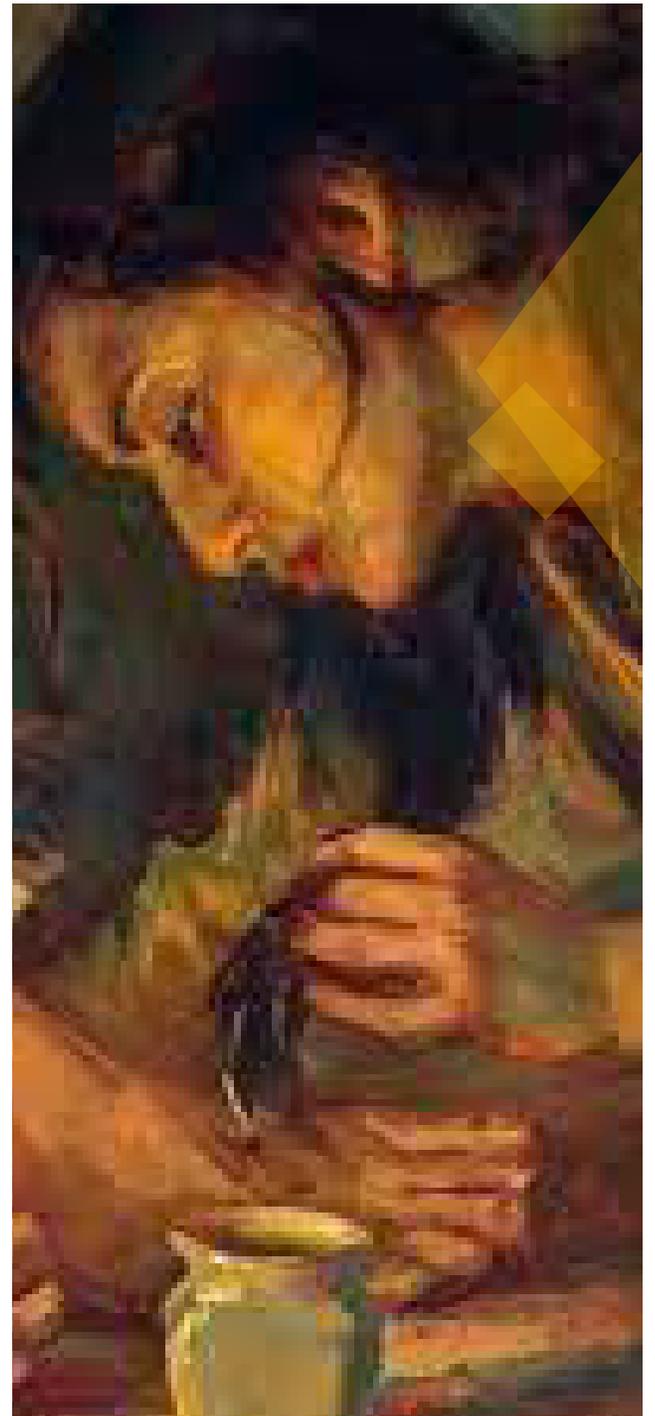
- In Matthew 17:4, Peter said to Jesus, *“Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three tabernacles (religious shelters)—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”*
- Did you know that men today still have problems with equating the creature with the creator? (Knowing our place)
- Moses and Elijah were great men, but there was absolutely no equality to be shared with Jesus Christ
- You don’t name a group of people in Christianity after a man or a method but their leader, Matthew 17:5; Acts 11:26

*While he (Peter) was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.*

### #3 We Learn What Godly Sorrow Should Look Like

*When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an Alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.*

*Luke 7:36-50*



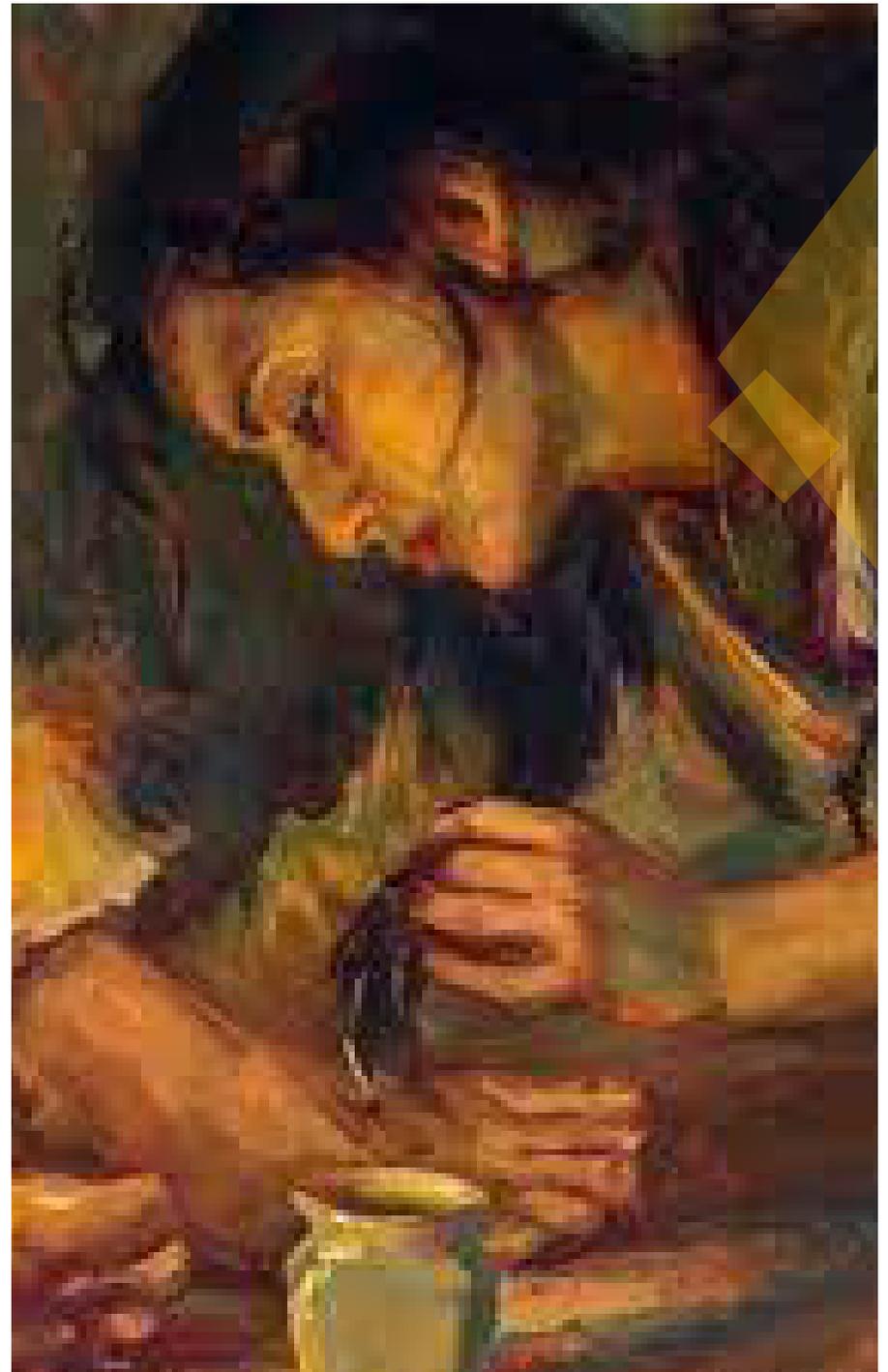
***When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”***

***Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him 500 denarii (silver pieces), and the other 50. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debt of both. Now which one of them will love him more?”***

***Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”***

***“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.***

***Then He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put any oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loved little.”***



# Notice the Contrasting Actions Between the Religious Pharisee and the Sinful Woman

- **The Pharisee provided no water for Jesus, his guest, to wash his feet, which was customary**
- **The sinful woman provided her own tears as water, her own hair to dry his feet and her own perfume to massage into his feet**
- **There was a reason for her actions**



# She Knew That Her Debt Was Huge!

- **Jesus notes that the religious man didn't feel that he owed much to his creditor**
- **On the other hand the woman realized the MAGNITUDE OF HER SINS And Thus, THE MAGNITUDE OF GOD'S GRACE**
- **This woman was willing to barge into a religious official's special dinner and risk shame and embarrassment to show her Love for Jesus**
- **Sometimes we don't bow our heads for prayer at lunch in public because we are ashamed of being seen and thus labeled**
- **Don't we realize that a great debt we owed has been forgiven?**

# If We Realize the Huge Debt of Our Forgiveness, How Are We Living As A Result?

Jesus says how much  
we serve Him is an  
indication of how  
much we feel that we  
owe Him!



# The Plan of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent of Sins**

**Acts 17:30**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38**

