



Restored

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Worthless

# Woman who washed Jesus' feet

## Bible Passage - Luke 7:36-50

### Part 1

<sup>36</sup> When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> 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."

**Luke 7:36-39**

- ▶ What do you think of what the woman did?
- ▶ What do you think of the Pharisees' (religious leader's) reaction?
- ▶ How do you think the woman will have felt?
- ▶ Have you ever felt judged or been in a situation where you feel like everyone is judging you?

### Notes



## Part 2

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

<sup>41</sup> “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii,<sup>[a]</sup> and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

<sup>43</sup> Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

**Luke 7:40-48**

- ▶ What do you think of the story Jesus told?
- ▶ Is there anything you think is too great of a debt/burden for you to come to Jesus?
- ▶ How do you think the woman felt?
- ▶ What thoughts would each individual have after hearing Jesus' story?

### Notes



## Part 3

<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

**Luke 7:49-50**

- ◀ What do you think about the way Jesus treated the woman?
- ▶ What do you think about what he says to her?

### Notes



## Part 5 - Widow of Nain (optional)

### Bible Passage - Luke 7:11-17

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. <sup>12</sup> As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

<sup>14</sup> Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” <sup>15</sup> The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

<sup>16</sup> They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” <sup>17</sup> This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

**Luke 7:11-17**

- What are your first thoughts on the passage?
- What did Jesus do? How did he react?
- How do you think the widow felt?
- The widow says ‘a great prophet has appeared among us’, what do you think she means?

### Notes



## Summary

Jesus came for the sick and struggling.

Jesus has compassion on us.

Come as you are to Jesus.

## Notes



## Martha and Mary

### Bible Passage - Luke 10, John 11, 12

#### Part 1

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**Luke 10:38-42**

- ▶ What do you think of Martha and Mary?
- ▶ Who do you relate to more in the story?
- ▶ What do you think about what Jesus says?

#### Notes



## Part 2

Lazarus was Mary and Martha's brother.

"Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,"

**John 11:1-6**

- ▶ What does this Bible section say about Jesus?
- ▶ How did Jesus feel about Martha and Mary?
- ▶ What do you think happens next?

## Notes





## Part 3

When Jesus arrived to the place where Martha and Mary lived, he found that Lazarus had been dead for 4 days.

<sup>8</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles<sup>[b]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

**John 11:17-27**

- ▶ What do you think about what Martha says here?
- ▶ What do you think of Jesus' claim?

## Notes



## Part 4

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him...

she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

<sup>34</sup> “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

**Luke 11:28-37**

- ▶ Do you relate to Martha and Mary’s questions?
- ▶ Have you ever asked God, or anyone else, similar questions?
- ▶ What do you think of Jesus after reading this?

## Notes



## Part 5

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.”

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

**John 11:38-44**

<sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

**John 12:2**

- ▶ How do you think Mary and Martha felt about what had happened?
- ◀ How did Jesus treat the women?
- ◀ What do you think of Jesus now?

## Notes



## Summary

Jesus is moved by our suffering and cares about us.

Raised Lazarus from the dead.

There is more to Jesus than just being a man.

## Notes



# Woman who was bleeding

## Bible Passage - Mark 5:24-34

### Part 1

“A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup>And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup>When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.”

**Mark 5:24-29**

Bleeding for 12 years, seen as unclean.

Separated from her community and her God.

- How do you think this woman would have felt?
- What was life like for her?
- Do you relate to anything the woman would have felt?

### Notes



## Part 2

<sup>30</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

<sup>31</sup> “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

<sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

**Mark 5:30-33**

Used all her money to find the problem.

Has no answers.

She is aware of how others think of her but steps forward anyway.

- ▶ Why do you think she stepped forward?
- ▶ Have you ever been scared to be brave?
- ▶ How do you think Jesus will respond?

### Notes



## Part 3

“He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

**Mark 5:34**

- ◀ Why do you think Jesus sought her out of the crowd?
- ▶ In what ways does this encounter with Jesus change her life?
- ◀ Has anyone showed love/care to you when you have felt unlovable? What impact did that have on you?

## Notes



## Summary

Jesus healed and restored her, not just physically, but to her whole community.

Jesus loves us even when others don't.

Jesus cares about every inch of our lives.

## Notes





# The Woman at the Well

## Bible Passage - John 4:7-42

### Part 1

Jews and Samaritans did not like each other.

The woman who we are looking at is a Samaritan, she lived in Samaria.

The woman was at the well in the middle of the day.

“When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

<sup>11</sup>“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

### John 4:7-15

- ▶ What do you think of the woman so far?
- ▶ What do you think life was like for the woman?

### Notes

## Part 2

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

**John 4:16-18**

The woman has had 5 husbands and is living with another man.

May have been judged by others and an outcast.



- What would she have thought about herself?
- In what ways do you relate to the woman at the well?
- Have you ever felt or feared others' judgement on you/been rejected by others?

### Notes



## Part 3

<sup>19</sup>“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup>“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup>The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup>Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

**John 4:19-26**

- ▼ What do you think the woman would have been thinking and feeling?
- ▶ What do you think about what Jesus says?

## Notes



## Part 4

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

### John 4:27-30

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.”

### John 4:39-42

- ▶ How did Jesus treat the woman at the well?
- ▶ Have you ever thought about how Jesus would treat you?
- ▶ What was it that made her so excited to tell everyone about him?

## Notes



## Summary

Jesus restored her.

She is no longer an outcast.

Came for drinking water, but left with living water.

This living water can be ours too!

## Notes



# Mary Magdalene

## Bible Passage - Luke, Mark, John, Matthew

### Part 1

“...and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.”

**Luke 8:2-3**

- ▶ What do you think life was like for Mary before she met Jesus and the disciples?

### Notes



## Part 2

Mary Magdalene was present when Jesus died on the cross.

Most disciples (except John) were not present when Jesus died on the cross.

“Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.”

**Mark 15: 40-41**

- Does anything about this surprise you?
- How do you think they felt watching someone they had followed for years die?
- Why do you think they stayed?

## Notes



## Part 3

“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

**John 19:25-30**

- ▶ What do you think of Jesus’ words?
- ▶ Do you think Mary understood what was happening?
- ▶ What does ‘it is finished’ mean to you?

### Notes





## Part 4

“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

<sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

### Matthew 28:1-10

- ▶ What would you do if this happened in front of you?
- ▼ What did Jesus mean to the women for them to be so dedicated to him?
- ◀ Has your view of Jesus changed over the past 10 weeks?

### Notes



## Summary

Jesus died and rose so we can be restored.

- ▶ Do you think Jesus is someone who can make a difference in your life?

## Notes

