

The Rejected Woman whom Jesus Accepted



1. One day Jesus was invited to eat in the home of Simon, a self-righteous Jewish religious leader. While they were eating together, something unusual happened. A woman known for being immoral came walking into the room.

2. She carried a beautiful jar of expensive perfume. She came to where Jesus was eating, knelt down and began weeping. As her tears fell on His feet, she wiped them with her long hair. Then she poured the very expensive perfume on Jesus' feet.



3. Simon was horrified at what he saw was happening. He knew the woman was a prostitute. He looked at Jesus and wondered how He could tolerate this woman doing this to Him. He thought to himself, *"This proves that Jesus is no prophet. If God had really sent Him, He would know what kind of woman is touching Him. She's a sinner!"* NLB*



4. Jesus looked inside Simon's heart and knew what he was thinking. He said to him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." Then Jesus told him the following story: *"A man loaned money to two people—five hundred pieces of silver to one and fifty pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"* NLB*

5. Simon answered, *"I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."* "That's right," Jesus said, Then Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, *"Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer Me water to wash the dust from My feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair...."*

6. Then Jesus told Simon: *"You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint My head, but she has anointed My feet with rare perfume. I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only a little love."* NLB*

7. Then Jesus said to the woman, *Your sins are forgiven."* The men at the table said among themselves, *"Who does this man think He is, going around forgiving sins?"* NLB*

And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." NLB*



Luke 7:36-50

*Quotations of verses 39, 41-44, and 46-50 were taken from The Holy Bible, New Living Translation, copyright 1996. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers

The Rejected Woman whom Jesus Accepted

Questions:

- A. 1. Who was Simon?
2. What was Jesus doing at his house?
3. What happened while Jesus and Simon were eating?
4. Why do you think this was an unusual thing? (Think: Who was Simon? Who was she?)
- B. 1. What did she have with her?
2. What did she do as soon as she came into Simon's house? (Notice the verbs)
- C. 1. How did Simon feel about what was happening to Jesus?
2. What did he know about the woman?
3. What was Simon's attitude and thoughts towards Jesus?
- D. 1. What did Jesus know about Simon?
2. What did He say to Simon?
3. What did Jesus do next?
4. Tell about the two men in Jesus' story:
a. How much money did they owe?
b. What happened to their debts?
- E. 1. What question did Jesus ask Simon?
2. What was Simon's answer?
3. What was Jesus reply?
4. What did He say to Simon:
a. ... about the woman?
b. ... about Simon's attitude towards Him?
5. What did Jesus say to Simon about the woman's sins?
- F. 1. What did Jesus say to the woman about her sins?
2. What did the others at Simon's house say about Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say to the woman?



Something to think about and English conversation practice:

- A. "Rejected" and "accepted" are opposites.
1. What do these two words mean? 2. Who rejected the woman?
3. Who accepted the woman?
- B. Was Simon a believer and follower of Jesus? Tell why you gave your answer.
- C. The woman was a sinner. Was Simon a sinner? Are you a sinner?
- D. What is the main lesson that Jesus taught when He told His story? (Note: You will find one verb in three different forms. What verb is it? Circle the three words.)
- E. Why do you think the woman did what she did to Jesus? (Note: it seems as if she had heard Jesus' teaching and believed in Him before coming to wash His feet on this day.)
- F. What do you think of this story? What did you learn about Jesus from this story?

Luke 7:36-50