



“Love Little / Love Much”
Luke 7:36-50

Four Voices, One Story
A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

For Next Week:

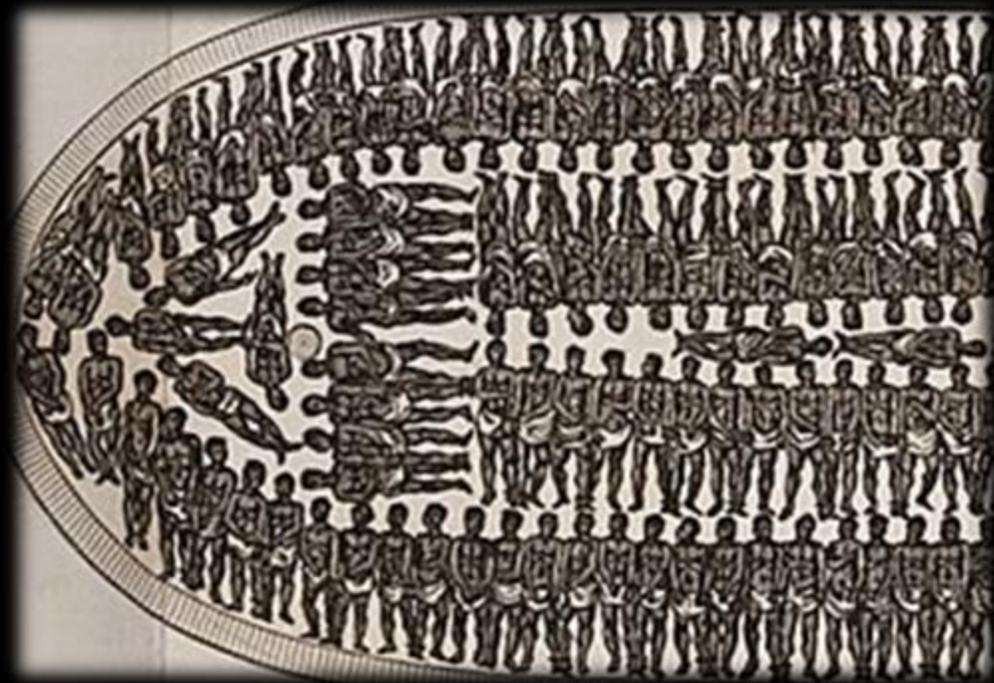
Matthew 12:22-50

Mark 3:20-35

Luke 8:19-21; 11:14-36

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‘Although my memory is fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner, and Christ is a great Savior.’

introduction



[Christ in the House of Simon the Pharisee by Philippe de Champaigne, 1656]

*It's possible to have
Jesus at your table but
not in your heart. You
can invite Him in
formally but never
honor Him personally.
Religion without love is
just empty ritual.*

The Dinner Invitation / Luk 7:36

“Behold” - an attention-grabbing interjection,
highlighting the shocking and important arrival of
the sinful woman

**Real repentance doesn't care about the stares. When
you see Jesus for who He is, pride goes out the
window and you don't care...**

The Uninvited Guest / Luk 7:37-38

“This man, if he were a prophet...”

Jesus does know. He knows not only the woman's past but Simon's thoughts.

Simon's Silent Judgement / Luk 7:39

“I have something to say”.. “Say it.”

His phrasing things was a rabbinic teaching formula—inviting attention before giving a parable, which probably wasn't lost on Simon. His reply is short, curt—almost mechanical.

The Parable of the Two Debtors / Luk 7:40-43

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Spiritual blindness—it's not about access to information, it's about whether the heart is humble enough to see.

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She didn't earn forgiveness by loving—her love proved she had been forgiven. Forgiveness always produces love; it never depends on it.

It's not about how much sin you've racked up—it's about how clearly you recognize the depth of God's grace.

Forgiveness Declared / Luk 7:47-50

They had the Forgiver of sins at their table, and all they could do was argue about His credentials

Faith is never about how strong we feel—it's about who we place our trust in.

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faith doesn't earn salvation—it receives it.

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Awakening from Spiritual Indifference

John 3:16, 5:24

Romans 3:28, 5:1

Gal 2:16

Eph 2:8-9

1Jn 5:13

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The Transformative Power of Forgiveness

“Your sins are forgiven... Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

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Eternal Life is Received Through Faith

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