



# LOVE SO AMAZING

BY DEGREE

Luke 7:36-47

2022 THEME

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38 And stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.

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44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.

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Our theme for 2022 is...

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We have considered “LOVE SO AMAZING” that in spite of our wretched sinfulness, the Lord loved us and gave Himself for us. We saw an illustration given by the Lord Jesus to show us LOVE SO AMAZING in forgiving the “prodigal son” and his older brother of their sinfulness and selfishness. Last week, we considered LOVE SO AMAZING, UNTIL THE RAPTURE. This morning we will observe an illustration given by the Lord Jesus regarding His evaluation of one’s love. Not everyone loves the Lord the same. Today we consider...

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The occasion is a meal in a Pharisee’s house who had invited Jesus to join him.

# I. THE SITUATION EMERGES

## A. The Uninvited Company, Luke 7:37-38

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- ❖ A woman purposely sought our Jesus and was prepared to honor Him.
- ❖ She found Jesus reclining, probably upon a triclinium:

**Original Word:** ἀνάκειμαι

**Transliteration:** anakeimai

**Definition:** to be laid up, to recline; **Usage:** I recline, especially at a dinner-table.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/345.htm>







❖ She honored Jesus by washing His feet with tears, wiping them with her hair, kissing His feet, and anointing them with the ointment.

## B. The Unexpected Conclusion, Luke 8:39

Luke 8:39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw *it*, he spake within himself, saying, **This man, if he were a prophet**, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for **she is a sinner**.

❖ Because Jesus was invited into the Pharisee's house did not mean that the Pharisee was spiritual.

- ❖ The judging Pharisee jumped to conclusion about the spiritual status of Jesus – “...This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for **she is a sinner.**”
- ❖ The Pharisee, within his heart, judged Jesus as not being spiritually perceptive.

## II. THE SINNER EXPOSED

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A. The Honesty Demonstrated – v. 47 “...Her sins, which are many...”

❖ The Lord Jesus knows the sinful condition of all mankind, and loves us anyway.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Isa. 64:6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isa. 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but **thou hast in love to my soul delivered it** from the pit of corruption: **for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**

## B. The Humility Displayed

- ❖ She humbly honored Jesus by washing His feet with tears, wiping them with her hair, kissing His feet, and anointing them with the ointment.

## III. THE SAVIOR EXPLAINS

### A. The Incidental Lesson



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- ❖ Jesus used an analogy to teach Simon, the Pharisee, a spiritual lesson.
- ❖ The objective: determining the magnitude or degree of love.
- ❖ Two debtors, who had nothing to pay, were both forgiven.
- ❖ Of the two, who would love him most?
- ❖ The Pharisee answered correctly, “rightly judged.” (v. 43) – “...to whom he forgave most...”

## B. The Indisputable Love

Luke 7:44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, **Seest thou this woman?** I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.

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- ❖ Jesus pointed out that Simon, compared with the sinful woman, was greatly lacking in service to the Lord – the reason...less love.
- ❖ The sinful woman loved Jesus more than the self-righteous Pharisee.
- ❖ How does this event apply to modern Christianity?

## Summary

- ❖ Lack of love for Christ is the plague of modern Christianity.
- ❖ The modern Christian loves the world, self, and sin more than love for Christ.
- ❖ The lack of appreciation for personal forgiveness results in shallow love and service to the King of kings!
- ❖ Christ is the Creator:



Eph 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

Col. 1:16 **For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:**  
17 And he is before all things, and **by him all things consist.**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

Isa. 40:12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? ...

18 **To whom then will ye liken God?** or what likeness will ye compare unto him? ...

21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 *It is* **he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,** and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: ...

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and **behold who hath created these things**, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

Psa. 147:4 **He** telleth the number of the stars; **he** calleth them all by *their* names.

Psa. 19:1 **The heavens declare the glory of God**; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psa. 33:6 **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made**; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth**.

Psa. 97:6 **The heavens declare his righteousness**, and all the people see his glory.

❖ The Creator of the universe condescends to have fellowship with sinners.

Psa. 103:12 **As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

2 Cor. 5:21 For **he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Cor. 8:8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and **to prove the sincerity of your love.**

9 For ye know the grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor**, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

<https://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=9MFJJ1NU>



## Conclusion

Mt. 11:28 **Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.