

BECOMING LIKE JESUS

JESUS LIVED OUT GOD'S WORD

Mt 22: 34-40. Lk. 7: 36-50

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Jesus' Bible = The Old Testament

- His Handbook for Life – totally immersed in it**
- The Clue to His Identity & His Mission**
- Total Confidence in God's authoritative Word**

Challenge: Do we cherish and value our Scriptures like Jesus did?

2 Tim. 3: 16

THE HEART OF GOD'S WORD

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind” Dt. 6:5

❖ Mind-----heart-----thought-----actions

“Love your neighbour as yourself” Lev. 19:18

“Neighbour?”

**❖ Anyone hurting; needing help; care; mercy
(e.g. The Good Samaritan)**

GOD'S WORD IN ACTION

Jesus' anointing by a Sinful Woman

The Host

Simon the Pharisee - His misguided attitude

- **If Jesus a prophet, would know what woman was like**
- **Hasn't [apparently] done so, therefore not much of a prophet!**
- **If not a prophet, ignore his message and reject his ministry**

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The Woman – an Uninvited Guest

- “A Sinner” = a prostitute (probably)
- In distress of heart and soul
- Weighed by guilt and remorse

“I have come to seek and save the lost”

- Puts Jesus to the test
- Unreservedly welcomed!

Jesus' anointing by a Sinful Woman

Simon the Pharisee

- Omits courtesy of feet wash
- No greeting kiss of peace
- No scented olive oil for head

Response of Condemnation

- No Forgiveness

The Woman

- Washes with tears-wipes with hair
- She kisses Jesus' feet
- Anoints feet with costly perfume

Response of Gratitude/Love

- Acceptance and Forgiveness

Jesus' anointing by a Sinful Woman

- 1) "Spirit of God, show me Jesus
Reveal the fulness of His love to me!"**
- 2) "The Church is the Church only when it
exists for others, not dominating but helping
and serving – living for Christ, existing for
others" (D Bonhoeffer)**
- 3) An example of worship, devotion &
gratitude
- for the Lord's glory and our nourishment**