

A Woman with a Gift: Luke 7.36-50

Jesus had been invited to go to Simon's house for a meal.

When he got there he was feeling hungry and tired.

But Simon did not welcome him.

When he got there his feet were dirty from the journey – but Simon did not ask his servant to wash Jesus' dusty feet. That's what used to happen in those days.

Simon asked Jesus to sit at the table and gave him some food.

Simon wasn't a very welcoming host.

While they were eating, a woman came in, carrying a pottery jar with her. I wonder what is inside it?

It was a jar of precious perfume. You could smell it as she carried it in. She sat on the floor next to Jesus.



She was thinking about all the wrong things she had done and how Jesus loved her and forgave her. She began to cry. As her tears fell, she washed Jesus' dusty feet and wiped them with her long hair. She took her precious perfume and gently poured it onto Jesus feet. The room filled with the sweet smells of her perfume. She had given Jesus the best things she had – her tears, her expensive perfume. Now his feet were clean. What a kind woman.

Simon was upset 'Don't you know how bad this woman is?' he asked.

Jesus said 'Simon, when I arrived at your house you didn't welcome me, or wash my feet. This woman has given me a wonderful gift. She has shown me how much she loves me.'

What will you give Jesus today?