

Hebrews 12:2 Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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> Both took place at "Simon's" house 1. Others: Leper 2. 2. Pharisee



Both Jesus got anointed with expensive perfume 1. Head and feet 2. Just feet

Both Jesus used the action to teach a lesson 1. The Disciples 2. The Host





Both were done by a woman 1. Mary 2. A Prostitute

Both happened during Jesus' ministry 1. Near the end 2. Near the beginning

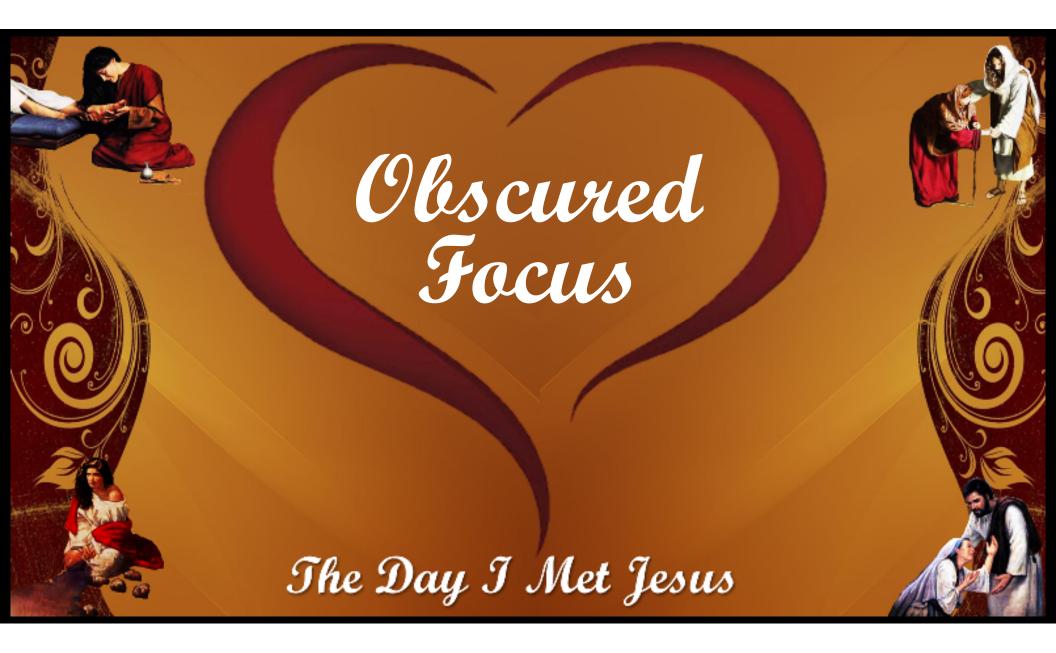


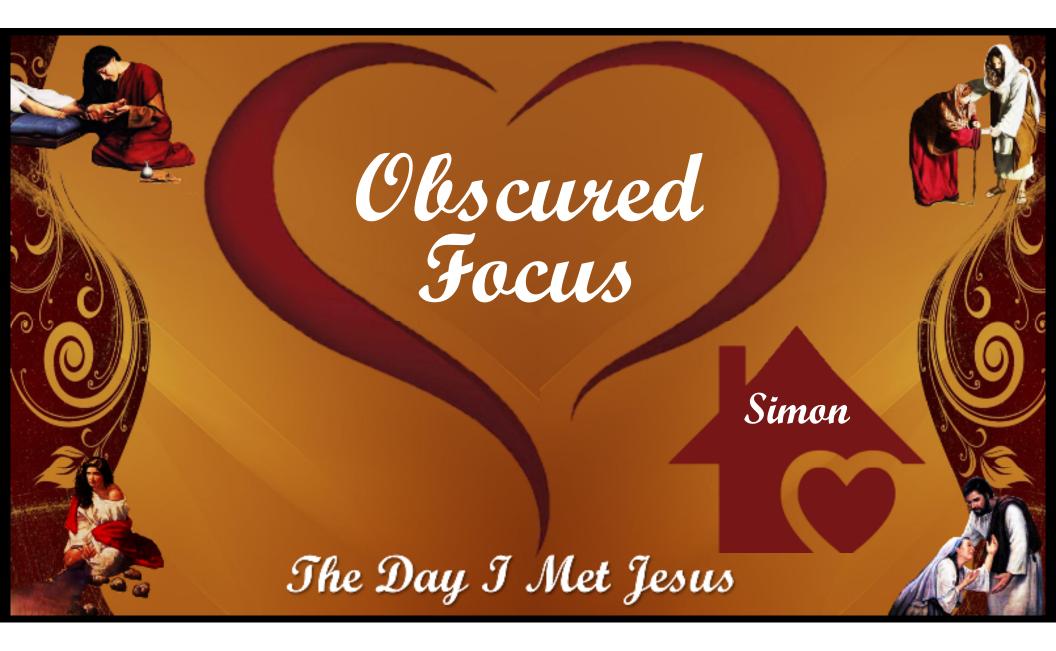
Luke 7:36–50

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, 'Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had

the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Headlines in Jerusalem **Prestigious dinner interrupted** by a harlot Jesus caught with a prostitute... Again Jesus rebuke religious leader for poor hygiene habits Jesus has a God complex... **Forgives Sins** The Day I Met Jesus





What Jesus do we meet here?

Jesus the forgiver of sins and the offeror of salvation

The Woman's Faith

This little story causes almost as much issue as our friend the "Thief" on the Cross

The Woman's Faith Of all the things Jesus said in the passage, he only said two sentences to the woman

The Woman's Faith "Your sins are forgiven." **Big time issue for the Pharisees** Not such a big issue for us We understand Jesus is the forgiver of sins

The Woman's Faith "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

OK hang on there Jesus, what did you mean that your faith has saved you

What exactly did you mean by that word SAVED

She Woman's Faith "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."
Is your saved is the same and Peter's saved and Paul's saved are we not missing a few steps... namely all of them (AGAIN)

The Woman's Faith The easy answer is this is Jesus He sees the heart He is God If he wants to pronounce her saved then he can



Not the Only Time "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved OTHERS; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

Luke 23:35

She Woman's Joith What did the woman "do" that impressed Jesus She was a known sinner She already had a belief in who she thought Jesus was She came to Christ

The Woman's Faith **Coming to Christ** It was a priority It was unconditional She came in spite of obstacles She came with no expectations She came prepared the jar in her possession The Day I Met Jesus

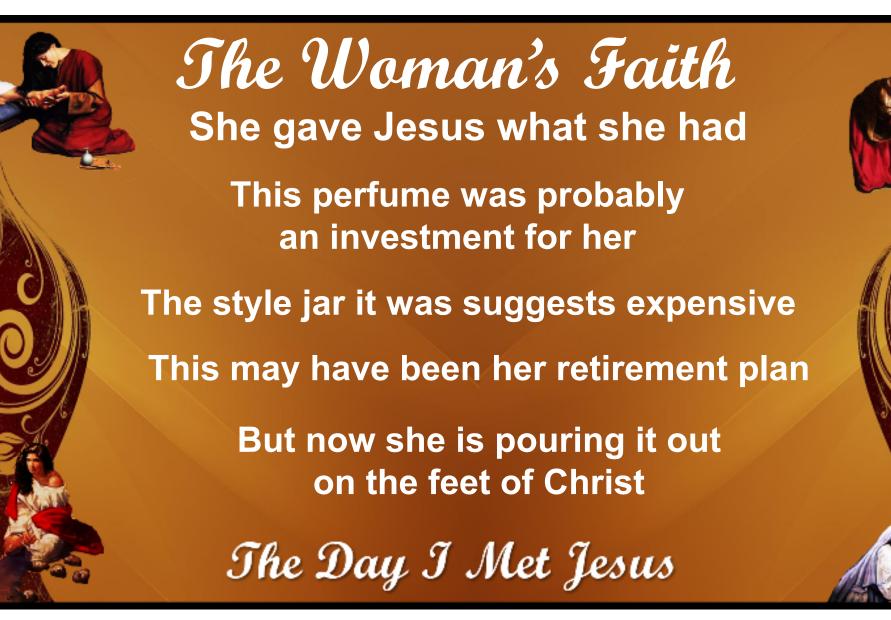


The Woman's Faith She humbled herself

Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the Lord.

2 Chronicles 34:27

The Woman's Faith She humbled herself She began to kiss his feet She began weeping (Broken) She took down her hair to wipe them (Intimate)





The Woman's Faith Jesus did not ask her "to do" anything, but based on what she did do what could he have asked of her she would not be willing to do?

