

A Street Woman.

Lessons From People Who Followed Jesus

This week – continuing our series of lessons which teach us how to savingly follow Jesus Christ.

*“Who is this that forgiveth sins also?”
And He said to the woman, “Thy faith
hath saved thee; go in peace.” Luke 7v49,50*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 7v18-35 (John’s disciples meet Jesus Christ)	
Monday	Luke 7v36-50 (The sinful woman finds forgiveness)	
Tuesday	Luke 8v1-18 (Listen very carefully to Christ’s Parables)	
Wednesday	Matthew 11v1-15 (John The Baptist – Christ’s Messenger)	
Thursday	Matthew 11v16-30 (Promise of Rest to our Soul)	
Friday	Romans 3v1-18 (None are righteous)	
Saturday	Romans 3v18-30 (For all have sinned)	

Important Question for us Today: Where do you look for sin?

The pride of our hearts will lead us to readily see the sin that is all around us, the sin of others.

We observe that there is so much sin in the world because sin always shows its’ result. We see wars and man’s inhumanity to man, we see racism, gangs, drug-culture, hatred, and murder even within our local communities. We see bullying and people taking advantage of others - lies, deceit, scamming, theft and crime are commonplace. We even hear of modern-day slavery and people trafficking.

BUT we must not deceive ourselves and miss recognising that sin rules even in our own hearts. God has told us in His inspired word, **“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” Romans 3v23**, and **“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one”, Romans 3v10**, and **“There is none that doeth good, no, not one”, Romans 3v12, Psalm 14v1,3**. So, we must carefully and honestly examine our own hearts, our motives, our thoughts, words, deeds, and actions. We must confess our sin to the Lord God, repent, and believe savingly on the Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 400 - Recognising our need of forgiveness and Christ’s righteousness to enter Heaven:

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| 1. Weary of earth, and laden with my sin,
I look to Heaven and long to enter in;
But there no evil thing may find a home,
And yet I hear a voice that bids me come. | 3. How can a sinner tread the heavenly way?
Evil is ever with me, day by day;
Yet, from the Lord, I hear a gracious call:
‘Repent, believe, and be released from all.’ |
| 2. So vile I am, how dare I hope to stand
In the pure glory of that holy land?
Before the whiteness of that throne appear?
Yet there are hands stretched out to draw me near. | 4. It is the voice of Jesus that I hear;
His are the hands stretched out to draw me near:
And His the blood that can for me atone,
And set me faultless before the throne. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

- **Everyone Knew She Was A Sinner. It was Obvious to all.**
 - **Immoral** – Sold herself to give sinful pleasure to others to earn a living.
 - **Irreligious** – Against God and her conscience - she lived without principle.
 - **Ageing** – Her beauty was fading, and her lifestyle brought no satisfaction.
 - **She Knew She was a Sinner, Spiritually Bankrupt - Yet She had Hope.**
 - Her sin was obvious to all even to herself **BUT** the Lord came to save sinners.
 - Jesus was ready to speak to anyone – secret sinners **and** obvious sinners.
 - Jesus wanted openly rebellious sinners, like her, to repent and turn to Him.
 - He had already changed the hearts and lives of open sinners like Zacchaeus.
 - Hearing the Gospel of Forgiveness (See **Matthew 11v28-30**) made her realise that the Lord God **would** forgive her **if** she truly repented; asking Him to change her heart and life, resulting in being given the righteousness of Christ.
- Note that however bad our sin the Saviour is willing to forgive us. He died to save sinners.*
- **Simon - The Proud and Hypocritical Pharisee.**
 - Simon had not shown any respect to the Lord – No provision of water to wash His feet, no recognition of Who Jesus was, and completely rejecting the fact that, in God’s holy sight, he was a sinner needing forgiveness.
 - He thought that Jesus could not be God if He allowed a woman like this to touch Him. So, the Lord told and applied this parable. (**Read Luke 7v40-50**).
 - **The Parable of Two Men – One Owed Much, One Owed Little.**
 - Both were let off. The Lord used this to illustrate that those who feel the weight and great debt of their sin will be the most thankful when forgiven.
 - The woman had learnt this lesson, Simon the Pharisee needed to learn it too.
 - **The Woman’s Response – Humble, Repentant, Grateful.**
 - She came to Simon’s house and bathed the Lord’s feet with her hair and tears, showing her tremendous gratitude to Him for forgiving all her sins.
 - The Lord said, **“Thy sins are forgiven, thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace”**.
 - **Who are we like? Simon The Pharisee or The Street Woman?**
 - Simon thought himself good enough for God. Not seeing the offence of his sins, he did not repent, resulting in his not being forgiven. Are we like this?
 - The woman had seen herself as dirty, lost, a hell-deserving sinner, but she now had the great joy of peace with God in her soul – now and for eternity.

The Apostle John wrote, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us”.
1 John 1v8-10.