

"Unspoken Worship"
Luke 7:36-50
January 24, 2016

Background Information:

1. This story takes place at a formal dinner party in ancient Palestine.
Note: They were public events in that the neighbors felt free to come into the courtyard to observe the dinner party as it took place.
2. It was customary for the host to greet his invited guests
With three things:
 - A. a kiss of welcome
 - B. water for his feet
 - C. oil to anoint his head

What is a Pharisee? A Pharisee was a member of the Jewish religious establishment who distinguished himself by strict observance of the traditional and written law.

Who was this unidentified woman? She was a prostitute.

Why was Simon the Pharisee and this woman of the streets brought together in our story? They both wanted to meet Jesus.

What was Simon the Pharisee's problem? He thought he was better than the prostitute.

Jesus says three things to the prostitute:

"Your sins are forgiven." That takes care of her past.

"Your faith has saved you." That takes care of her present.

"Go in peace." That takes care of her future.

Lessons from our story:

1. If you want to go from here to there, you must realize just how much you've been forgiven..
2. If you want to go from here to there, then stop comparing yourself with others.
3. If you want to go from here to there, don't be afraid to express your passion and praise to the Lord.