

Jesus at the Home of Simon the Pharisee

36 A Pharisee invited Jesus to have dinner with him, and Jesus went to his house and sat down to eat. **37** In that town was a woman who lived a sinful life. She heard that Jesus was eating in the Pharisee's house, so she brought an alabaster jar full of perfume **38** and stood behind Jesus, by his feet, crying and wetting his feet with her tears. Then she dried his feet with her hair, kissed them, and poured the perfume on them. **39** When the Pharisee saw this, he said to himself, "If this man really were a prophet, he would know who this woman is who is touching him; he would know what kind of sinful life she lives!"

40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Yes, Teacher," he said, "tell me."

41 "There were two men who owed money to a moneylender," Jesus began. "One owed him five hundred silver coins, and the other owed him fifty. **42** Neither of them could pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Which one, then, will love him more?"

43 "I suppose," answered Simon, "that it would be the one who was forgiven more."

"You are right," said Jesus. **44** Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your home, and you gave me no water for my feet, but she has washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. **45** You did not welcome me with a kiss, but she has not stopped kissing my feet since I came. **46** You provided no olive oil for my head, but she has covered my feet with perfume. **47** I tell you, then, the great love she has shown proves that her many sins

have been forgiven. But whoever has been forgiven little shows only a little love."

48 Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 The others sitting at the table began to say to themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"

50 But Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Women Who Accompanied Jesus

1 Some time later Jesus traveled through towns and villages, preaching the Good News about the Kingdom of God. The twelve disciples went with him, **2** and so did some women who had been healed of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (who was called Magdalene), from whom seven demons had been driven out; **3** Joanna, whose husband Chuza was an officer in Herod's court; and Susanna, and many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples.

The Parable of the Sower

4 People kept coming to Jesus from one town after another; and when a great crowd gathered, Jesus told this parable:

5 "Once there was a man who went out to sow grain. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it up. **6** Some of it fell on rocky ground, and when the plants sprouted, they dried up because the soil had no moisture. **7** Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up with the plants and choked them. **8** And some seeds fell in good



Jesus Forgives a Woman's Sins

Luke 7

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Luke 7:37–38, 47–48 (For the full story, read Luke 7:36–50.)

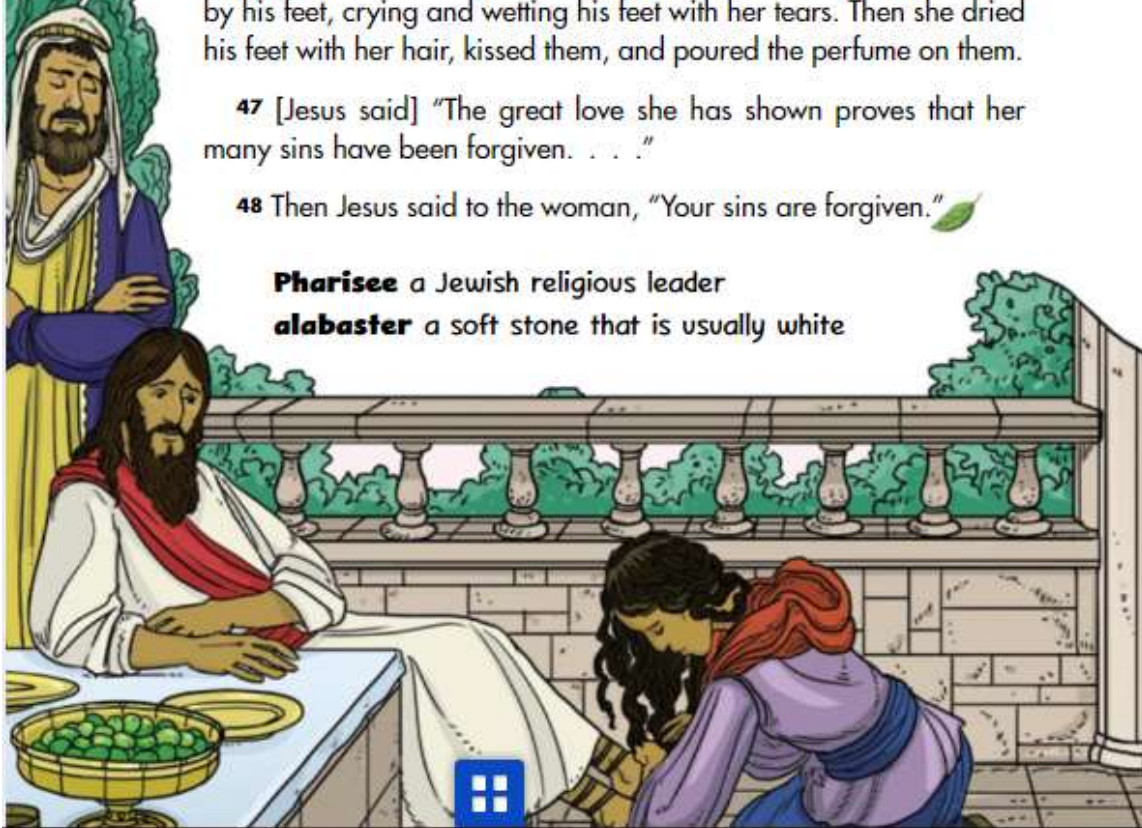
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Pharisee a Jewish religious leader

alabaster a soft stone that is usually white



Understand It!

Jesus is a friend to sinners. We know this because the Bible has many stories about Jesus forgiving people. Everyone knew that the woman in this Bible story from Luke was a sinner. One day she realized how much hurt her sins had caused, and she was sorry. She was ready to change her life and ask for God's forgiveness.

The woman heard that Jesus was a dinner guest at a Pharisee's house. She entered the house without being invited. Her tears, kisses, and gift of perfume showed her love for Jesus. They showed how sorry she was. So Jesus forgave her sins. He came into the world to save sinners. When we are sorry for our sins and go to Jesus, he forgives us too.

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Live It!

These words are from a prayer called the Jesus prayer. Pray these words whenever you need to ask Jesus for forgiveness: "Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me." Then pray about how you will confess your sins to a priest.

Remember that Jesus wants to forgive your sins; all you have to do is ask!

Tell It!



Using the pictures above, retell this story in your own words.

