Women in the Bible 2: The Woman Who Committed Adultery

Scriptures: Various – see each day

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**Sermon Summary:**

The story of the woman who committed adultery shows us how Jesus deals with a sinner, but also shows us how he deals with those who accuse others of sins.

**A Guide for Daily Reading and Meditation**

**Daily Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, *[pause here and reflect on your trespasses]* as we forgive those who trespass against us *[pause and forgive those who need your forgiveness].*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.   
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Introduction:**

Each story or parable in this week’s study guide is about sin or sinners. Read each scripture and reflect on the questions listed.

**Monday:** Read Luke 7:36-50 - Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

**36**One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table. **37**And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. **38**She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.**39**Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” **40**Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.”**41**“A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42**When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” **43**Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” **44**Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. **45**You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. **46**You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47**Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” **48**Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” **49**But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” **50**And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

1. Who is the sinner and what is the sin?
2. How does Jesus treat the sinner?
3. How does the sinner respond to Jesus?

# Tuesday: Luke 15:3-7 – The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**3**So he told them this parable: **4**“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5**When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6**And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ **7**Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.[[1]](#footnote-1)

What message is Jesus is conveying in the parable about sinners?

# Wednesday: Luke 18:9-17- The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

**9**He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: **10**“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ **13**But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ **14**I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

1. Who is the sinner and what is the sin?
2. What does Jesus say will happen to those who humble themselves?
3. What does exalted mean to you?

**Thursday:** Matthew 18:23-35 – The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

**23**“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24**When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; **25**and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. **26**So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’**27**And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. **28**But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ **29**Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ **30**But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. **31**When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. **32**Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33**Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ **34**And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. **35**So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

1. Who is the sinner and what is the sin?
2. What does the parable say about forgiveness?
3. Is not forgiving someone a sin?

**Friday:** Luke 12:16-21 – The Parable of the Rich Fool

**16**Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17**And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ **18**Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19**And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ **20**But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ **21**So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

1. Who is the sinner and what is the sin?
2. What does the parable say about greed?

1. All scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible as displayed on BibleGateway.com [↑](#footnote-ref-1)