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How much debt do you have?

Luke 7:23, “blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me”.

... the other 3 gospels

... unnamed woman comes who we are told lived a sinful life and had found out that Jesus was at Simon’s house.

... proved ...that Jesus was not a prophet.

Simon the Pharisee was just like we can be

... filled with pride and judgmentalism.

See Luke 18:11

... self secure,

... loveless towards those he identified as really bad sinners

... enabled him to separate himself

Jesus exposes Simon’s problem

BOTH owed large amounts.

BOTH the people owing money could NOT repay their debt.

... which one is likely to love the money lender the most?

The sinful woman **KNEW** she had a serious problem before God.

...comes to Jesus and shows Jesus great love **BECAUSE** she had been forgiven **LOTS** by Jesus.

verse 47... her many sins have been forgiven therefore she shows great love.

verse 50... Jesus makes it clear that her faith saved her.

So why Jesus matters?

Jesus, the Messiah that God promised, acts with the power and authority of God and does the things that only God can do... he forgives sin

For us today

1) Forgiven little or lots?

Are you a 50 denarii sinner or a 500 denarii sinner?

1 Timothy 1:15, “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst”.

... are you still mortified by YOUR recent and current sin?

... we all need God’s underserved lavish grace

2) The way we love Jesus?

... as we move through Luke we will see that we cannot claim to love Jesus if we do not do what he says

1 John 4:19-21, “We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”

Do we love Jesus lots because he has forgiven us enormously... overwhelmingly... lavishly... graciously.

3) If you are a bit overwhelmed

Matthew 11:28-29, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”.

One more thing ...