

## ***Guess Who's Coming to Dinner***

August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### ***Luke 7:36-50***

#### **Three main characters at the dinner: Simon the Pharisee, the Prostitute, and Jesus**

##### **Simon the Pharisee**

He was a man who was ...

... Religious → Pharisees were the religious leaders of the day.

... Self-righteous

*“Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, He would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him...’”*

... Critical

*“...for she is a sinner.”*

↳ Jesus answered his thoughts!

... Prejudiced

*“... He said to Simon, ‘do you see this woman?...’”*

❖ Simon lacked a true knowledge of the love and forgiveness of God!

*“... But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”*

##### **The Prostitute**

She was a woman who was ...

... Immoral

*“And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, ...”*

... Rejected by society

*“... ‘If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is...’”*

... Hurting

*“...and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears...”*

... Hopeless

*“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven – for she loved much...”*

❖ The Prostitute was transformed by the knowledge of the love and forgiveness of God!

*“...when she learned that [Jesus] was reclining at table...”*

❖ The Prostitute extravagantly expresses her gratefulness to Jesus!

- ♦ The Woman was oblivious to what people were thinking, and public opinion no longer mattered to her.
- ♦ Worldly possessions were no longer considered valuable to her.
- ♦ Treating Jesus in the same way that a slave would honor her master was the appropriate response to Jesus' love and forgiveness!

## **Jesus...**

... is God Incarnate.

*“And He said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’”*

... ignored the criticism of the people.

*“Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this, who even forgives sins?’”*

... commends the faith of the woman.

*“And He said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; ...’”*

*Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,”*

... gives the woman direction.

*“And He said to the woman, ‘...go in peace.’”*

*John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

**Jesus came to bring Relationship, not Religion!**

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