

# Sharing a Meal with Jesus

## A Lenten Sermon Series

### A Very Awkward Dinner

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February 21 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)

*Revelation 3:20*

*Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.*

In Your Bible:  
Luke 7:36-50

#### Introduction

Companion in Latin means: to share a meal together.

*Luke 7:34*

*The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'*

#### 1. Simon the Pharisee

- A. Pharisees are experts and teachers of the Law who are serious about their faith.
- B. Pharisee in Greek is parushi = one who is separated.
- C. For Jesus people come before rules.
- D. At this dinner we see deep into Simon's heart.

*Luke 7:45-46*

*You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.*

#### 2. The Sinful Woman

*Luke 7:39*

*When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"*

- A. Jesus knows Simon's thoughts about this woman.

*Luke 7:44*

*Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair.*

- B. Simon, do you see this woman?

*Luke 18:9-14*

*Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

- C. This woman reminds us we all have secrets and places in our life where we have sinned.

D. This dinner shows us Christ's love and forgiveness for us.

### **3. The Lord Jesus**

A. Two very different Rabbi's are seen here.

B. Jesus looks with compassion at us.

*Luke 7:50*

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

C. Jesus' love for us goes even as far as dying for us.

### **Conclusion**