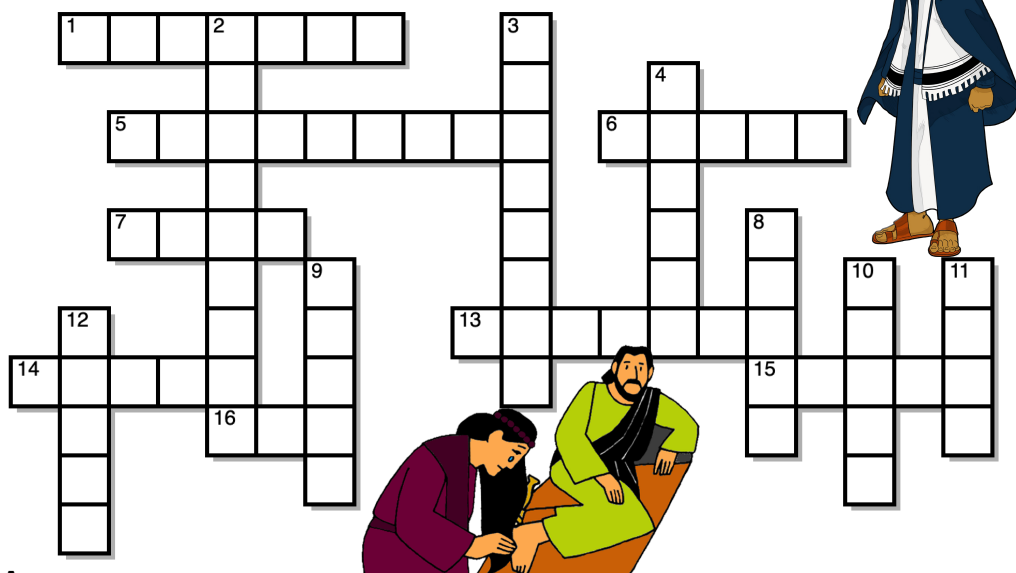


## **“A SINFUL WOMAN ANOINTS JESUS”**

1. What was the greatest expression of thanksgiving you ever received or witnessed? What made it special?
2. Do you think the Pharisee was aware of the social custom to greet guests with a kiss and wash their feet?
3. Why do you think the sinful woman came to the Pharisee's house? (A) To upset the Pharisee? (B) To ruin the party? (C) To seek forgiveness? (D) To minister to Jesus? (E) To confront her oppressors?
4. What risk was this woman taking in coming to the house of a Pharisee? What does this tell you about her emotional state?
5. This woman was very open and lavish in her thanksgiving towards Jesus. How difficult is it for you to demonstrate thanksgiving in *your* relationship with Jesus? Why? What might/could hinder you?
6. Do you think Jesus was aware of the purification law prohibiting anyone to “touch” a prostitute?
7. What made the Pharisee so upset? (A) Her reputation? (B) His reputation? (C) Jesus' acceptance of the woman?
8. How did the Pharisee feel when the sinful woman “touched” Jesus? (A) Contaminated? (B) Humiliated? (C) Angry? (D) Sympathetic? (E) Hysterical?
9. “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.” Which possibility comes closest to your understanding of Jesus? (A) Jesus was not a prophet and didn't know who the woman was? (B) Jesus knew who the woman was but didn't care about the Law? (C) Jesus cared about the Law but cared about the person more? (D) Jesus, because He really is a prophet, was able to see the “sinful woman” as clean and forgiven?
10. In the story about the two men who owed money, what was Jesus saying to Simon? (A) You can't know grace because you've never thought of yourself as a sinner? (B) You are a bigger sinner than the woman but you don't know it? (C) The more you have sinned the more your love for God? (D) The more you have been forgiven the more your love for God?
11. Why do you think Jesus responds to Simon with a parable rather than just accusing Simon of not loving enough? What does this tell you about Jesus?
12. What does Jesus see in this woman that Simon does not? How does this affect Jesus' actions toward her? In this passage, what seems to be Jesus' main concern? Simon's concern?
13. What was the tone in Jesus' voice when He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace”? (A) Judicial: like a judge? (B) Clinical: like a psychiatrist? (C) Pastoral: like a priest? (D) Paternal: like a father? (E) Authoritative: like a sergeant?
14. How important would it be to this woman that Jesus forgives her? What does this tell you about Jesus?
15. Who was the prophet in your life who believed in you and saw beauty in you before you believed in yourself? (A) Mom/Dad? (B) A special teacher/coach? (C) One special friend? (D) A pastor/youth leader?
16. How did this affect your life? (A) I could deal with my own negative feelings? (B) I could accept God's forgiveness? (C) I started to believe in myself? (D) I started to act differently?
17. To whom do you owe the greatest personal debt? (A) Nobody? (B) A family member? (C) Mom/Dad? (D) A friend? (E) Jesus?
18. What could you do to show your deepest gratitude? (A) Give a gift? (B) Say “thank you”? (C) Pray for him/her? (D) Remain steadfastly loyal? (E) Commit your life to the cause he/she did? (G) Return the favor?

**Across**

- 1 Seeing that Jesus received the woman's gestures of thanksgiving made the Pharisee doubt that Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_. (7:39)  
 5 Of what was the flask of fragrant oil made? (7:37)  
 6 What was the name of the Pharisee at whose house Jesus was dining? (7:40)  
 7 The woman wiped the feet of Jesus with her \_\_\_\_\_. (7:38,44)  
 13 The creditors in Jesus' story owed this type of currency. (7:41)  
 14 Jesus was reclining at a low \_\_\_\_\_. (7:37)  
 15 The woman bathed the feet of Jesus with her \_\_\_\_\_. (7:38,44)  
 16 Jesus asked the Pharisee "Do you \_\_\_\_\_ this woman?" (7:44)

**Down**

- 2 One of the \_\_\_\_\_ asked Jesus to eat with him. (7:36)  
 3 Jesus declared the woman's "many" sins as being this. (7:48)  
 4 The woman in the story is described as a \_\_\_\_\_. (7:37,39)  
 8 Jesus told the woman "Your \_\_\_\_\_ has saved you." (7:50)  
 9 Jesus said that the woman \_\_\_\_\_ much. (7:47)  
 10 What is the final word of Jesus in this passage? (7:50)  
 11 The Pharisee had failed to greet Jesus with a \_\_\_\_\_. (7:45)  
 12 The Pharisee had failed to give this for Jesus' feet. (7:44)

**WORD SEARCH:**

Pharisee	Touching
Meal	Teacher
Reclined	Parable
House	Creditor
Sat	Debtors
Eat	Repay
Table	Forgave
Flask	Love
Oil	Judged
Feet	Water
Weeping	Kiss
Wash	Sins
Tears	Little
Hair	Faith
Anointed	Peace
Prophet	Shalom
Woman	

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