

October 11 Answers

- 1) The story of the sinful woman and the Pharisee is fascinating. At some point in the recent **past**, the woman had encountered Jesus and her “many” sins had been **forgiven** (cf. Luke 7:47a). When she heard that Jesus was at Simon’s house, she showed her **love** and **gratitude** by anointing Jesus’ feet. Simon condemned Jesus in his heart for not seeing what the woman was, but Jesus revealed that Simon was the one who was **blind**. He told Simon a parable to illustrate that those who have been forgiven **show** it by their gratitude and love. Simon had not offered Jesus the common courtesies due a guest, yet the woman had. Jesus’ point was clear: the woman’s love was a **sign** that her sins had been forgiven, while Simon’s **rudeness** was a sign that his sins had not been forgiven. This teaches us that love and gratitude **flow** out of a heart that has been cleansed from sin. If there’s no love and gratitude, it’s a sure sign that there has been no **forgiveness**. It also shows us the seriousness of sin. Some have sinned more than others, but in the end, we have all sinned, and thus we have all been forgiven much. We should therefore all love **much**.