

Who Is This, Who Even Forgives Sins?

The revelation of who Jesus is and what he came to do is central to the purpose of Luke's gospel. It is a question of particular importance in Luke chapter seven. In this chapter we have the remarkable account of Jesus reclining at banquet in the home of Simon the Pharisee...

1. Simon's Concern
 - a. A prophet would recognize a sinner
 - b. The woman touching Jesus was a sinner
 - c. Therefore, Jesus is not a prophet
2. Jesus' Parable and His Question
 - a. Our treatment of Jesus reveals who we are
 - b. The sinful woman loved much... demonstrating that she had been forgiven
 - c. The Pharisee showed no love... was he forgiven at all?
3. Responses to Jesus
 - a. Who is this... who forgives sins? Luke 5:20-26
 - b. And will we accept him?

Application:

1. Do you love Jesus? Have you been forgiven much?
2. Jesus associates with and offers himself to every sort of person! No one is beyond the reach of the forgiveness Jesus offers to those who repent.
3. How can we better imitate Jesus' love for people?
4. How can we better love Him? See Titus 3:1-10