

Week 3 - Luke 7:48
 “Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

The Bible tells us that Simon is a Pharisee. In the time of Jesus, a Pharisee was a man who spent a lot of time studying the “right way” to act. A Pharisee like Simon would think that he knew the “right way” better than other people, and that the Pharisee “right way” was automatically “God’s Way”. Simon would expect everyone else to follow Simon’s rules as God’s rules.

Of course, we know that Jesus *really* understood and followed God’s Way.

So Jesus is at Simon’s house and a woman just comes in. She has brought a jar of perfume and she starts washing Jesus’ feet and putting her perfume on them. She is crying, and she even uses her tears to rinse his feet, and her hair to dry them. She kisses the feet of Jesus.

Simon is not pleased! Simon the Pharisee knows that this woman does not follow his “right way rules”. Simon says that Jesus should know that the woman is a sinner, and he should send her away. Simon believes that would be the “right way” for Jesus to act. But Jesus wants Simon to know that the Pharisee’s “right way” isn’t always the same as “God’s way”.

Jesus teaches Simon a lesson about God’s Way of Forgiveness. Jesus reminds Simon that the more sinful the woman is, the more of God’s forgiveness she needs. She is washing Jesus’ feet to recognize his forgiveness and show him her love.

Jesus tells the woman that her sins are forgiven, and that she should go in peace.

Other guests notice what Jesus is saying. They wonder how Jesus can forgive sins. People are starting to notice that Jesus has a special connection to God.

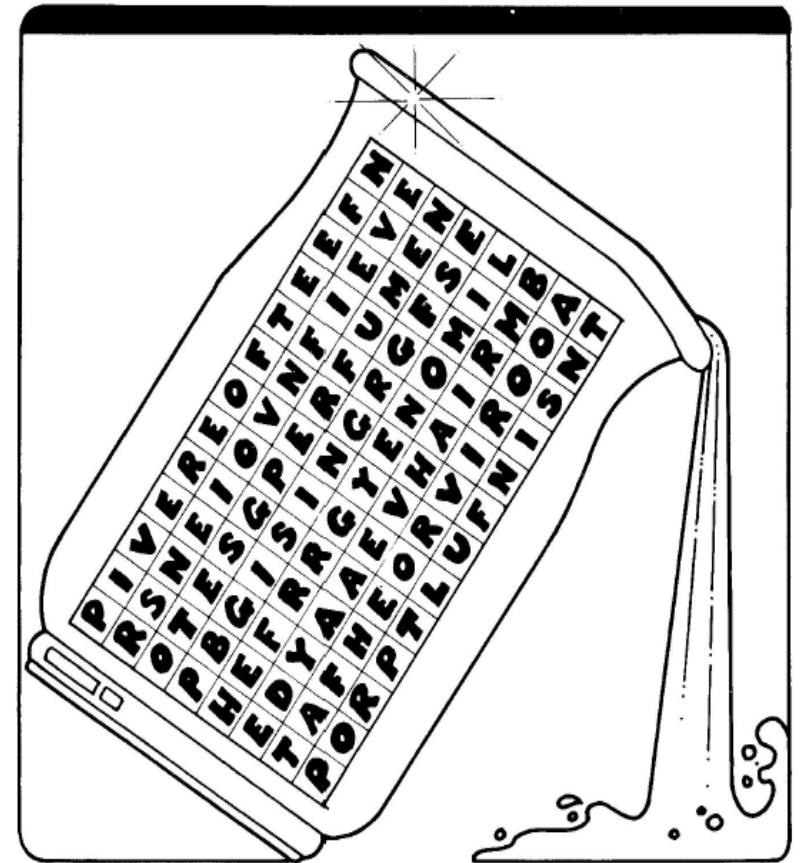
When we read the Gospel books, we learn about Jesus and how he shows us God’s Way.

THE SINFUL WOMAN

Luke 7:36-50

Read Luke 7:36-50. In the puzzle, cross out the twelve words from the story that are listed below. There will be a lot of letters left over but only eight different kinds. Write down each kind once. Then put these eight letters in the correct order to make a word that tells about the woman’s sins.

Words: Pharisee, Simon, perfume, feet, tears, hair, sinful, prophet, money, pay, debts, table



The woman's sins were _____