

# SITTING AT JESUS' FEET

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Dear Prayer Partner,

Mary sat at Jesus feet.

Martha was serving a meal.

They reclined when they ate.

So, as Jesus was reclining at a table, Mary was sitting at his feet listening to him teach.

It's the same way the sinful woman at Simon's house sat at his feet washing his feet with her tears.

Jesus was not talking to Mary, or the sinful woman. He was talking to someone else, but they were going to be there no matter what else was going on!

1: Mary didn't care what someone thought of what she was doing.

She was going to be with Jesus. It doesn't matter what other people think of what I'm doing. It matters that I spend time at Jesus' feet. I was redeemed to be in relationship with Him. I was redeemed **to** the Father.

2: The sinful woman didn't care what someone thought of what she did.

She was going to be with Jesus. It doesn't matter what people think of what I did. It matters that I spend time at Jesus' feet. I was redeemed from that sin and made righteous before God. What I did has been washed away by the blood. All of my sin was forgiven, not just the one's I committed **before** I trusted Christ. I no longer live under God's condemnation **at all**, so I can freely walk with Him. **That** gives me the ability to overcome sin, not permission to continue. But it comes of sitting at Jesus' feet, not by determining to be good.

### 3: Jesus was at rest.

In order to be at Jesus' feet, both Mary and the sinful woman had to rest also. Not work, rest! Not help serve people, rest at Jesus' feet. Not try to turn her wicked life around, rest at Jesus' feet. Both women chose "that good thing which shall not be taken away." If I am to go on living, I must have "that good thing which shall not be taken away." I have to sit down<sup>1</sup> at Jesus' feet, and rest in the power of His presence.

A: It's in the Word.

Jesus is the Word.<sup>2</sup>

Meditate on the Word of God. Just let the Spirit of God speak the Word to your heart as He did to Mary and the sinful woman. Even when Jesus Himself sat teaching, it was the Holy Spirit that did the teaching to men's hearts.<sup>3</sup>

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*<sup>27</sup> And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

*Ezekiel 36:27*

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Jesus Himself said, "It is **the Spirit** that gives life. The words that I speak, they are spirit and they are life."<sup>4</sup> Even Jesus' words without the Spirit would have had no life in them. He lived by the Spirit to show us how to do it. He died by the Spirit to give us the ability to do it. We do it the same way he did. We live in the Spirit, and we die to ourselves. He lived in the Spirit. He died to Himself. He redeemed us that way.

B: It's in Resting.

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*<sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,<sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.*

*Hebrews 4:11*

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Stop working so hard! Stop working at all! "The justified live by faith." Mary got it. The "sinful woman" got it. Do you? Go sit at Jesus' feet. Be still. Get "the good thing that no one can take away."

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<sup>1</sup> Luke 9:14, John 6:10

<sup>2</sup> John 1:1-1-18

<sup>3</sup> Ezekiel 36:22-38, Jeremiah 31:34

<sup>4</sup> John 6:63