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Scripture Reading

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40 And Jesus responded and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher."

41 "A moneylender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarii, and the other, fifty.

42 When they were unable to repay, he canceled the debts of both. So which of them will love him more?"

LUKE 7:40-47

43 Simon answered and said, "I assume the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

44 And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

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45 You gave Me no kiss; but she has not stopped kissing My feet since the time I came in.

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46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

47 For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little, loves little.”

JESUS, THE FRIEND OF WOMEN

WHO WERE POSSESSED

Luke 8:1-2

1 Soon afterward, Jesus began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him,

2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out....

Jesus, A compassionate friend of the women

who were sick for a long time!

Luke 8:43-48

43 And a woman who had suffered a chronic flow of blood for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone,

44 came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

45 And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched Me?” And while they were all denying it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.”

46 But Jesus said, “Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had left Me.”

47 Now when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and admitted in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

48 And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

Luke 13:10-13

10 Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over double, and could not straighten up at all.

12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your sickness.”

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13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she stood up straight again, and began glorifying God.

Jesus, His eye on the poor widow!

Luke 21:1-4

1 Now He looked up and saw the wealthy putting their gifts into the temple treasury.

2 And He saw a poor widow putting in two lepta coins.

3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them.

4 for they all contributed to the offering from their surplus; but she, from her poverty, put in all that she had to live on."

Luke 7:11-15

11 Soon afterward Jesus went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd.

12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her and said to her, "Do not go on weeping."

14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"

15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Jesus, a Friend of loose women!!

John 4:15-20

15The woman *said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw water."

16He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here."

17The woman answered and said to Him, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband';

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this which you have said is true."

19 The woman *said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and yet you Jews say that in Jerusalem

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Jesus, a friend of the adulterers!

John 8:1-11

1But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2And early in the morning He came again into the temple area, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began teaching them.

3Now the scribes and the Pharisees *brought a woman caught in the act of adultery, and after placing her in the center of the courtyard,

4 they *said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the very act of committing adultery.

5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?"

6 Now they were saying this to test Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 When they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

8And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9Now when they heard this, they began leaving, one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman where she was, in the center of the courtyard.

10And straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?"

11She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on do not sin any longer."

Reach out for the needy and vulnerable!

A physician is needed for those who are sick physically, spiritually, and emotionally!

Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the

Kingdom of God.

JESUS -

Touches the broken and the contrite

came to seek and save that which is lost!

We must focus on the rejects, the vulnerable, and the needy just like JESUS