Eating With Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

- We find Jesus, the perfect and sinless preacher eating with a variety of different people.
- Luke and his gospel alone records three different occasions when a Pharisee invited Jesus into his home for a meal, and each and every time he accepted that invitation.
- I submit to you that everything we read about in this text is radical.

1 Avoid Self-Righteousness

Luke 7:39; Luke 18:9–14

- We would be challenged by the Lord to avoid self-righteousness, to avoid self-righteousness.
- What he finds is arrogance. What he finds is a man who is self-righteous and believe he's self-sufficient.
- He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves, that they were righteous and viewed others with contempt.
- When Simon saw this woman touching Jesus, he saw someone who he believed was beneath him.
- But when Jesus looked at her, he saw something different. He saw someone who was made in the image of God and who was loved by God.
- It challenges us to avoid a self-righteous spirit and see all people's need for Jesus.

2 Live Thankful for God's Forgiveness

Luke 7:40–50; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23

- Her sins, which are many, have been forgiven. For she loved much, but he who is forgiven little loves little.
- That ultimately represents the woman who's called a sinner in this room. And it also represents Simon, and it also represents me. And it represents every single one of us.
- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God, that's grace, is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- We have against us the debt of sin. And we can't pay it back on our own.
- The only way the debt for our sin is going to be paid is because of Jesus.
- Why did Paul feel like he was under obligation to serve in the kingdom? It was because of forgiveness.

3 See the Truth About the Lord's Identity

Luke 7:49; Mark 4:41; Matthew 16:13

- The question throughout the gospel is who is Jesus? And here at Simon's house, we get an emphatic answer to that question.
- He has the authority to forgive us of all of our sins. Why? Because he's God.

- Every now and then we need to come together and remind ourselves of who Jesus is.
- We learn that he is God because he's able to do something that only God can do. And that's forgive sins.

THE CHALLENGE

If you need forgiveness this morning, I want you to understand something. In addition to being willing to accept this woman who had many sins, if you humbly come to Jesus, he'll also accept you.

MY NOTES