

# No Mere Prophet

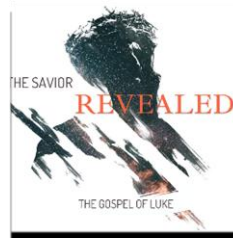
Luke 7:36-50

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- The Pharisaical heart is self-sufficient and ungracious.
  
- The humble heart is repentant and faithful.
  
- The forgiving heart is gracious and accepting

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. In what ways do you identify with Simon the Pharisee in this passage? Do you assume that some people are beyond the reach of God? Do you soften your own sin and elevate others'? Luke 6:39-42
2. In the spirit of Brian's recent sermon: be a fruit inspector. What does your fruit say about your love of Jesus? Have you neglected to serve Him? Or have you given of your firstfruits? (Luke 6:43-49)
3. In your daily life, where can you aim to show the love of Christ more? To your parents? To your spouse? To your children? To your coworkers? To the stranger in the community? What can you do this week to love Jesus more in that area?
4. Consider the forgiveness that you have been shown by Jesus. Can you share with your home group what Jesus has freed you from the bondage of? What have you been forgiven of? How much have you been forgiven? Romans 5:1; Ephesians 1:3-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
5. Jesus focuses his attention on the humility of the woman in this passage. What is humility? How can we grow in humility? 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; 1 Peter 5:6-7; James 4:10; Luke 14:11; Proverbs 11:2
6. Those around the table are troubled when Jesus forgives the woman's sin in verses 47 and 48. Why? Luke 5:21. What does Jesus forgiving sins say about him?



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