

Questions for further study

Dinner with Jesus

6th July 2025

Luke 7: 36-50

- 1. How would you react if Jesus said he was going home with you now? Would you be happy to have him stay? What special arrangements would you want to make? Are there things in your house you wouldn't want him to see?
- 2. Despite the respectful "Teacher" title Simon gives Jesus, there are hints that this dinner is not in his honour. What are we told? What might Simon's real purpose be? How might he interpret the parable Jesus told?
- 3. It was customary for townspeople to be at the perimeter of the courtyard where Simon and Jesus are seated. Imagine you are this woman with a bad reputation wanting to honour Jesus. How might you feel as you push your way through the crowd? Sometimes, we don't feel "good enough" to speak out or act in service to God. What does this story tell us?
- 4. What evidence do we have that God's nature is abundant and extravagant? (Consider the cosmos, natural world, personal blessings, etc) What stops us from imitating that characteristic?
- 5. Does your heart feel full to bursting of your love of Jesus? If not, what practical steps can you take to rekindle that great love and pour it out in worship? What would your extravagant worship look like?
- 6. Spend some time considering the abundance and extravagance of Jesus' death on the cross. How has this transformed your life?