

“Prostitutes and Prodigals”

The Gospel of the Nobodies Sermon Series

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Introduction: With God, there are no nobodies.

God lifts up the lowly: Nazareth, Mary, Shepherds, and Lepers

Anybody can be a s_____ in Jesus’ name.

Luke uses a literary device contrasting nobodies & somebodies.

I. The Prodigal Boys & the Priest, Levite, and Samaritan

Luke 10:30-37, A priest was a _____.

A Levite was a _____. A Samaritan was a _____.

II. You Might be a Pharisee if: 1. You focus on r_____ over people.

2. You are self-_____ or judgmental, believe in better than.

3. Pharisee means s_____ ones, set apart, holy, sacred.

They tried to avoid s_____ and sinners.

4. A Pharisee was a l_____, a sect within Judaism. (6,000)

III. The Set-Up (Luke 7:28-35 The Message Bible)

This is the prologue/prelude to set the scene for what happens.

Luke 7:36, notice there is no d_____ yet. First Century Dining

IV. The Perceived Problem (Luke 7:37-38)

The alabaster jar of perfume shows her p_____ to anoint Jesus as a sign of her _____. Caressing a man’s feet was forbidden as was letting down her hair in public.

She has created a s_____, made Jesus u_____, and scandalized the Pharisee.

V. Two Assumptions and Two False Inferences (Luke 7:39-40)

1. The woman is a _____. 2. Jesus, as a prophet knew this.

He wrongly infers: 1. That Jesus would not let her touch him

2. Since Jesus did not stop her, therefore he is not a _____.

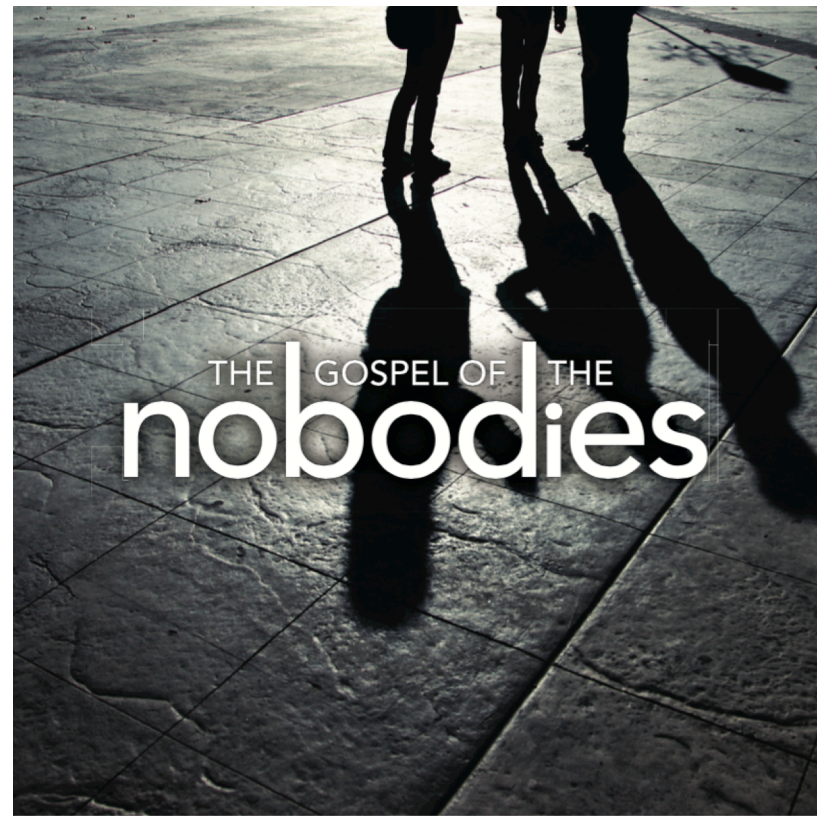
The Story (Luke 7: 41-43)

The denarius was worth a _____ wage.

The Question (Luke 7:44a) Do you see this w_____?

The Point (Luke 7:44b-47) To c_____ the Pharisees’ answer and previous actions to the woman’s act of love and gratitude.

Luke 7:48-50, Recognizing our forgiveness brings p_____.



One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair.

Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Luke 7: 36-38

