

MARY WAS A GOD CHASER

Luke 8:1-3

1 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,
2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;
3 Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

(NIV)

I DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE SAY SHE WAS A PROSTITUTE. WE DO KNOW THAT SHE WAS DELIVERED AND SHE WAS HEALED.

Luke 7:36-50

36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.
37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,
38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.
39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.
40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.
41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.
42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?
43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

IF WE WANT TO SEE HIS FACE, WE NEED TO FIND OURSELVES AT HIS FEET BREAKING OPEN OUR ALABASTER BOXES. IT TELLS HIM THAT YOU LOVE HIM AND THAT YOU'LL GIVE HIM EVERYTHING!

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT A WOMAN'S HAIR IS HER GLORY.

1 Cor 11:15

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

(KJV)

MARY USED HER GLORY TO WIPE HIS FEET. THIS IS A TOTAL ACT OF HUMILITY. MIDDLE EASTERN WOMEN IN THAT DAY USUALLY WORE THEIR HAIR UP OR COVERED. SHE HAD TO UNWRAP AND LET DOWN HER "GLORY" TO WIPE HIS FEET. LET'S NOT FORGET THE CONDITIONS OF THAT DAY WITH THE WEARING OF SANDALS AND WALKING THE SAME PATHS AS DONKEYS AND CAMELS. IT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO WEAR YOUR SANDALS INTO SOMEONES HOUSE. THE LOWLIEST SERVANT OF A HOME HAD THE JOB OF WASHING THE FEET OF ANY GUEST. THIS SERVANT WAS USUALLY TREATED WITH DISGUST. (HENCE, THE REASON THE DISCIPLES WERE SO SHOCKED WHEN JESUS WASHED THEIR FEET.)

MARY, CAME REALLY TO ANOINT HIM WITH SPICES. HER TEARS OF LOVE, OF ADORATION, FEEL UPON HIS DUSTY, DIRTY FEET. MAYBE SHE WAS MOVED TO TEARS WHEN SHE NOTICED HOW DISRESPECTFUL THIS PHARISEE HAD BEEN NOT TO WASH THE FEET OF HER LORD. FINDING NO TOWEL, SHE HUMBLED HERSELF TO ALLOW HER TEARS AND HER HAIR TO PREPARE HIM FOR ANOINTMENT BY WASHING THE DUST AND ANIMAL EXCREMENT FROM HIS FEET.

WAS HIS RUDENESS INTENTIONAL, AFTERALL THIS WAS THE HOUSE OF A PHARISEE WHOSE OUTWARD APPEARANCE MEANT EVERYTHING. DID SIMON WANT JESUS' PRESENCE BUT WASN'T WILLING TO HONOR HIM? I HOPE WE ARE NOT LIKE THIS. IF GOD'S PRESENCE COMES NEAR, WE NEED TO HONOR AND WORSHIP HIM.

MARY TOOK UPON HERSELF THE PUBLIC DISRESPECT THAT WAS ON JESUS. NOW YOU KNOW WHY HE WENT ON TO SAY:

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

THE RAW HUNGER FOR GOD THIS WOMAN DISPLAYED MADE PEOPLE NERVOUS, BUT IT BECOMES A MEMORIAL TO GOD. IT WILL ALWAYS BE ON GOD'S MIND.

Matt 26:6-13

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

(KJV)

I DECLARE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO LET DOWN THEIR PRIDE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD. MANY WILL BECOME TRUE WORSHIPPERS. MANY WILL BREAK THE ALABASTER BOX OF EGO RIGHT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE AND THEY WILL BE DOING EXACTLY WHAT GOD WANTS. WE CANNOT GET NERVOUS WHEN THIS BEGINS TO HAPPEN. (IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN)

WHEN OUR GLORY COMES DOWN, GODS GLORY CAN ABIDE. HE WANTS YOUR WORSHIP, THATS ALL. THE ONLY WORSHIP GOD CAN ACCEPT IS WORSHIP THAT COMES FROM HUMILITY.

1 Pet 5:5-6

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

(KJV)

James 4:8-10

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

(KJV)

THESE ARE THE ONES JESUS DRAWS NEAR; THE ANOINTERS, THE TEAR WASHERS, THE HUMBLE WORSHIPERS. WE LIKE THE ANOINTED, BUT GOD LIKES THE ANOINTERS.

MARY ACTUALLY ANOINTED JESUS TWICE, HIS FEET AND HIS HEAD.

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John 20:1-18

1 Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone was rolled aside from the entrance.

2 She ran and found Simon Peter and me and said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

3 We ran to the tomb to see; I outran Peter and got there first,

5 and stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but I didn't go in.

6 Then Simon Peter arrived and went on inside. He also noticed the cloth lying there,

7 while the swath that had covered Jesus' head was rolled up in a bundle and was lying at the side.

8 Then I went in too, and saw, and believed [that he had risen]--

9 for until then we hadn't realized that the Scriptures said he would come to life again!

10 We went on home,

11 and by that time Mary had returned to the tomb and was standing outside crying. And as she wept, she stooped and looked in

12 and saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying.

13 "Why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him."

14 She glanced over her shoulder and saw someone standing behind her. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him!

15 "Why are you crying?" he asked her. "Whom are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

16 "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned toward him. "Master!" she exclaimed.

17 "Don't touch me," he cautioned, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God."

18 Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them his message.

(TLB)

JESUS, WAS INTERRUPTED BY THIS ANOINTER ON THE MOST IMPORTANT MISSION OF HIS EXISTANCE, TAKING HIS OWN BLOOD TO THE MERCY SEAT IN HEAVEN TO BE OFFERED ONCE AND FOR ALL FOR THE SINS OF MAN. HE EVEN JEPORDIZED IT FOR THE SAKE OF HER LOVE AND WORSHIP, AND HEART CRY. HE SAID, DON'T TOUCH ME.

IF YOU WILL BREAK YOURSELF, GOD WILL STOP FOR YOU

SHE LOVED HIM. SHE ANOINTED HIM. SHE WAS THERE AMONG THE FEW WHEN HE DIED. SHE WENT WITH HIS BODY TO THE GRAVE. SHE LOVED HIM SO MUCH SHE CAME BACK TO ANOINT HIM A THIRD TIME EVEN AFTER HE WAS DEAD, TO FIND THE TOMB EMPTY. IT WAS THIS ANOINTER HE APPEARED TO FIRST, EVEN BEFORE JOHN, THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED. HE MUST HAVE LOVED HER VERY MUCH.