

How does the woman treat Jesus?



How does Jesus explain these two different responses?

Our Response to Jesus

Who are you more like: Simon or the woman?

Would you say that you love Jesus a little or a lot? How is this seen in your actions?

What will do in response to tonight's passage?

forgiveness and love



Luke's story of Jesus

chapter 7:18–50



The Story so Far

We have seen that Jesus is no ordinary person. His teachings and his miracles have amazed everyone. Jesus has the power to do these amazing things because he is God's Son.

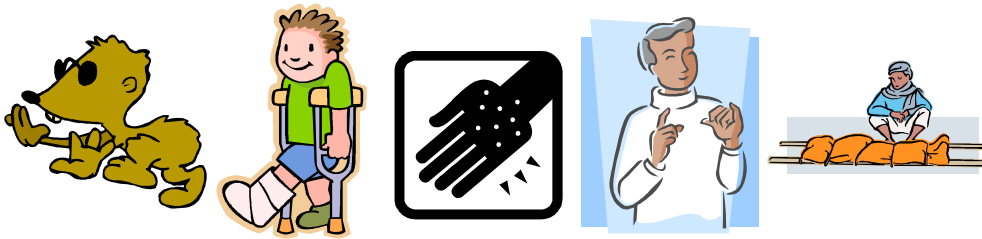
Many people love Jesus and are ready to follow him. But others are jealous of Jesus and do not like him or his teaching.

John and Jesus

Read 7:18–23.

John the Baptist was Jesus' relative. He was a prophet who taught the people before Jesus, and prepared the people to receive Jesus—see 7:29. (You can read more about John's story in 1:5–3:20.)

John expected Jesus' ministry to be full of judgement (note 3:15–17). So he was surprised when Jesus was so kind and healed so many people. This is why he asks 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'



But Jesus encourages John that he hasn't made a mistake. Jesus is 'the one who was to come', God's Son.

Two Responses

Read 7:24–35.

We don't have time to look at everything in this passage. Instead, we are going to concentrate on two different responses.

Individually or in pairs, take some time to look for these two responses to Jesus and John. One is positive, the other negative. Write down what you discover.



Two Responses Again

Read 7:36–50.

What does Simon the Pharisee think about the woman?

What does Simon think about Jesus? How does he treat Jesus?