

Did she waste it? No, nothing is wasted that is used to show love for Jesus. Tell what Simon thought in his heart. Jesus could read his thoughts. Simon knew that the woman had been a sinner. He did not know that love can wash away the blackest stains. Show a white lily. Talk about its beauty and purity. Then show a little dish of black mud, and tell that it grew out of such soil as this. Jesus can make the heart that comes to him as pure as this lily, even though it has the darkest earth-stains upon it.



*The Rejoicing Woman.* Simon was not pleased with the woman, but Jesus was. Tell the story that Jesus told Simon. Uncover picture of a fountain. Ask some of the uses to which we put water. It washes away little spots, and great ones too. Teach that Jesus is the Fountain of love and forgiveness. There

is no sin too great for him to wash clean. But we must want to be washed! The woman wanted to be clean. Simon thought he was clean enough, so Jesus could do nothing for him. The woman went away with joy, love, forgiveness, in her heart. What did Simon keep in his heart. Pride, self-love, sin! Have children sing some appropriate verse after each part of the lesson: for instance, "What can wash away," etc., after second part, "The water of life" after last part.

### Berean Methods. The Teachers' Meeting.

Draw out description of ancient Oriental "manners and customs" at dinner-table: Sandals removed at entrance; foot-washing; reclining at table; presence of uninvited people; Jewish contempt of women, etc.... Word-picture: Simon's supercilious neglect; the woman's approach; anointing of Jesus's feet; thought of the Pharisee as he witnessed the scene.... Elements of character illustrated: 1) By this Pharisee's conduct: a) his pride; b) his self-righteousness; c) his neglect of Christ; d) his contempt for fellow sinners. 2. Conduct of the woman: a) true sorrow for sin; b) earnest seeking after Christ; c) humility; d) gratitude; e) love. 3) Christ considered: a) as a Guest; b) as a Friend; c) as a Teacher; d) as a Saviour.... What the woman obtained from Jesus: 1) Acceptance; 2) commendation; 3) forgiveness; 4) peace.... Show what the lesson teaches us about these three points: 1) How we should treat Christ; 2) how we should seek salvation; 3) how Christ receives those who come to him.... Having "naught to pay" is abundant reason for Jesus's compassion on sinners, and his free forgiveness of their debts.... Unbelief in Christ's forgiveness, or in one's own need, is sin.

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### ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

#### The Saviour's Reception of the Sinner.

#### I. COMING TO JESUS.

1. A sinner's coming. "A sinner," v. 37.
- "Came ... to save sinners," 1 Tim. 1. 15.

2. Coming promptly. "When she knew," v. 37.
- "Now is the accepted time," 2 Cor. 6. 2.
3. Coming humbly. "At his feet," v. 38.
- "Humbleth himself ... exalted," Luke 14. 11.
4. Coming penitently. "Weeping ... with tears," v. 38.

- "Sacrifices of God ... a broken spirit," Psa. 51. 17.
5. Coming with faith. "Thy faith," v. 50.
  - "By grace ... saved through faith," Eph. 2. 8.

#### II. RECEIVED BY JESUS.

1. With grace. "Seest thou?" v. 44.
- "Nigh unto all them that call," Psa. 145. 18.
2. With forgiveness. "Sins ... forgiven," v. 47.
- "Sins be as scarlet ... white," Isa. 1. 18.
3. With blessing. "Go in peace," v. 50.
- "We have peace with God," Rom. 5. 1.

### THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

#### The Saviour's Reception of the sinner.

1. Jesus Christ has power on earth to forgive sins.
2. In God's sight all are sinners, the honorable as well as the base. Not intellectual, social, or moral rank will justify any.
3. Jesus welcomes and pardons the penitent sinner, but rebukes the self-righteous moralist.
4. Jesus rebukes sin faithfully, but tenderly; not in wrath, but in love.
5. Jesus treats the fallen kindly, gently, forgivingly, with desire to raise them, and not to trample them down.
6. Forgiveness of sin Jesus pronounces freely. Its sole condition is the earnest, humble turning of the heart to God.
7. The forgiveness of sin may receive the direct and personal testimony of Christ.
8. The forgiveness of sin brings as its result peace to the heart.

### HOME READINGS

- M. Forgiveness and love. Luke 7. 36-43.  
Th. Forgiveness and love. Luke 7. 44-50.  
W. Prayer for forgiveness. Psa. 25. 4-11.  
Th. Hope for sinners. Matt. 9. 9-13.  
F. Invitation to the burdened. Matt. 11. 25-30.  
S. How to show our love. John 14. 15-21.  
S. Gratitude. Psa. 116. 1-13.

### LESSON HYMNS.

#### No. 110, New Canadian Hymnal.

I hear thy welcome voice,  
That calls me, Lord, to thee.

#### No. 120, New Canadian Hymnal.

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
And it told thy love to me.

#### No. 115, New Canadian Hymnal.

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

### DOMINION HYMNAL.

Hymns, Nos. 253, 265, 73.

### TIME.—A. D. 27.

### PLACE.—Probably Capernaum.

### RULERS.—Same as before.

### DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Justification by faith.

### OPTIONAL HYMNS.

2. O for a thousand tongues.
69. 'Tis known on earth.
70. Thou dear Redeemer.
94. How sweet the name.
96. Come, ye sinners.