



## Sermon Notes: The Scandal of Jesus

### 1. The detached observation of the Pharisee.

- Why did the Pharisee want to see Jesus?
- How did the Pharisee treat Jesus?

### 2. The focused adoration of the prostitute.

- Why did the woman want to see Jesus?
- How does the woman treat Jesus?

### 3. The costly grace of Jesus.

- a. Jesus has paid the debt of our sin.
- b. Jesus has borne the stigma of accepting sinners.
- c. Jesus has endured wrath so that we might know peace.

### Gospel Applications:

1. Acknowledge the greatness of your sin.
2. Acknowledge the greatness of your Savior.
3. Choose to see others as Christ sees them.



## Application Questions: The Scandal of Jesus

1. What's the most awkward thing you've ever witnessed?
2. Imagine you were a guest at Simon's dinner party and this whole scene in Luke 7:36-50 played out in front of you. How would you react?
3. Do you identify more with the Pharisee or with the woman in this story? Why?
4. Put yourself into Jesus' parable in verses 41-42. If \$500,000 and \$50,000 are the extremes of what really bad and really good people owe, where do you think you land?
5. Now that you've answered #4, why does this answer matter so much to religion-focused people? Why does it not matter so much to Gospel-focused people?
6. Is our love for God the basis of His forgiveness or is God's forgiveness the basis of our love for Him? Why is it vitally important that we get this order right?
7. The religious man in this story was cool and detached toward Jesus; the sinful woman was passionate and uninhibited. When you worship, how aware are you of others around you? What inhibits you from being a more extravagant worshiper?
8. What were some differences between the way the Pharisee saw the woman and how Jesus saw her? Who do you need to stop viewing through eyes of judgment and superiority to start viewing through Christlike eyes of compassion?
9. What are some tangible, practical things you will do this week to feed your love and gratitude for Christ?