

# Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

The Love that restores.

Bible Portion:

Luke 07:47

Focus:

Sinful Women: Redeemed  
through forgiveness.



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A daily devotional  
for lent season

## 40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

John 9-10



Have you Read your  
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

**"I am the good  
shepherd. The good  
shepherd lays down  
his life for the sheep."**

John 10:11 (ESV)

## Quote

**"Without forgiveness,  
there is no future."**

- Desmond Tutu.

*"Therefore I tell you, her many  
sins have been forgiven—as her  
great love has shown. But  
whoever has been forgiven little  
loves little."*

— Luke 7:47 (NIV)

The season of Lent invites us to reflect on sin, repentance, and the depth of God's forgiveness. In this powerful passage, we encounter a woman whose life was marked by sin, yet transformed by grace through Jesus Christ.

While Jesus was dining at the house of Simon the Pharisee, a woman known in the city as sinful entered the room. Without speaking a word, she knelt at Jesus' feet, weeping. Her tears fell upon His feet, and she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with perfume. Her actions were bold, humble, and deeply sincere.

Others in the room judged her. They saw her past and her reputation. But Jesus saw

her heart. He recognized her repentance and her faith. In contrast to Simon, who offered minimal hospitality, this woman expressed extravagant love. Jesus declared that her sins were forgiven—not because of her actions alone, but because of her genuine faith and repentance.

This moment reveals a powerful truth: no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. The woman's past did not define her future. Her encounter with Jesus became a turning point—a moment of redemption and restoration.

Lent calls us to place ourselves in this story. Like the woman, we come before Jesus aware of our brokenness. We may carry guilt, shame, or regret. Yet Jesus does not turn us away. He welcomes us, forgives us, and restores us.

Forgiveness is not just the removal of sin; it is the beginning of a transformed life. When we truly under-

stand how much we have been forgiven, our hearts respond with love, gratitude, and devotion. This is the essence of the woman's act—her love flowed from the forgiveness she received.

The journey toward the cross reminds us that forgiveness comes at a cost. Jesus would ultimately bear the weight of sin through the Crucifixion of Jesus. What we receive freely was given sacrificially.



## A Simple Illustration

Imagine carrying a heavy bag filled with stones, each one representing guilt, regret, and past mistakes. The weight slows you down and drains your strength. Then someone comes, gently takes the bag from your shoulders, and sets you free. That is what Jesus does for us. He lifts the burden we cannot carry and replaces it with peace and freedom.

## Conclusion

This Lent, let us come to Jesus with honesty and humility. Like the sinful woman, let us lay our burdens at His feet. In His presence, we find forgiveness, healing, and a love that transforms our lives.



## Prayer

Gracious Lord, thank You for Your boundless mercy and forgiveness. Help us to come before You with humble hearts, trusting in Your grace. As we receive Your forgiveness, fill us with love and gratitude, that we may live transformed lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

-Rev. Shimon Victor Samuel



## Prayer Point



Let us pray for Rev. G. John Roland, Rev. John Thavakumar, Rev. Johnson John, Rev. K. I. Dyvasirvadam, Rev. Keith V. Pasgon, and Rev. I. Kingsley Johnpaul, and for their families and the churches entrusted to them.