

Lesson Guide 23 – The Life of Jesus

(John the Baptist Delegation/Anointing by Sinful Woman)

Matthew 11:1-30, Luke 7:18-50

Pre-class Activity – Class Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: **His Breath**, Who Am I: Nehemiah)

1

Prayer Requests

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Concern
- Grow up to be like Jesus

2

John the Baptist Delegation

- John sent his disciples to ask Jesus whether he was the one to come. John was in prison, to which he had been sent by Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee, because he had rebuked his adulterous marriage with his brother Philip's wife

3-5

- Jesus tells John's disciples to go back and report what they have seen and heard.
- The blind receive sight, the lame walk those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. In Luke, the raising of the widow's son at Nain immediately precedes this message; and in Matthew's gospel the ruler's daughter is raised.

6

Jesus is Anointed

- Jesus is invited to the home of Simon the Pharisee. While there, a woman who had led a sinful life, wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Then she poured perfume on them.
- Simon said to himself, "If Jesus were a prophet he would know who was touching him."
- Jesus tells Simon a story of 2 men who had their debts forgiven. 500 denarii is worth about \$160. 50 denarii is worth about \$16.
- Jesus asks Simon who will love the moneylender more. Simon answers the one who had the bigger debt canceled.
- To this Jesus responds, "I came into your house. You did not give me water for my feet, but she wiped my feet with her tears and hair.
- Jesus continued, "You did not put oil on my head but she poured perfume on my feet.
- Jesus tells Simon, "Her many sins have been forgiven – for she loved much."
- "He who has been forgiven little loves little."
- Jesus tells the woman her sins have been forgiven.

7-15

Discussion Question

Is your attitude more like the man in the parable who was forgiven 500 denarii or the one forgiven of 50?

Circled numbers correspond to Presentation Slides