

# *The Life Of Jesus*

**FROM THE  
BOOK OF LUKE**

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**LUKE 7:1-10,36-50**

**1** When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. **2** There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. **3** The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. **4** When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, **5** because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." **6** So Jesus went with them..

**6** He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. **7** That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. **8** For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”.

**9** When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” **10** Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well..

**LUKE 7:1-10**

**36** When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. **37** A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. **38** As she stood behind him this feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

**39** When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

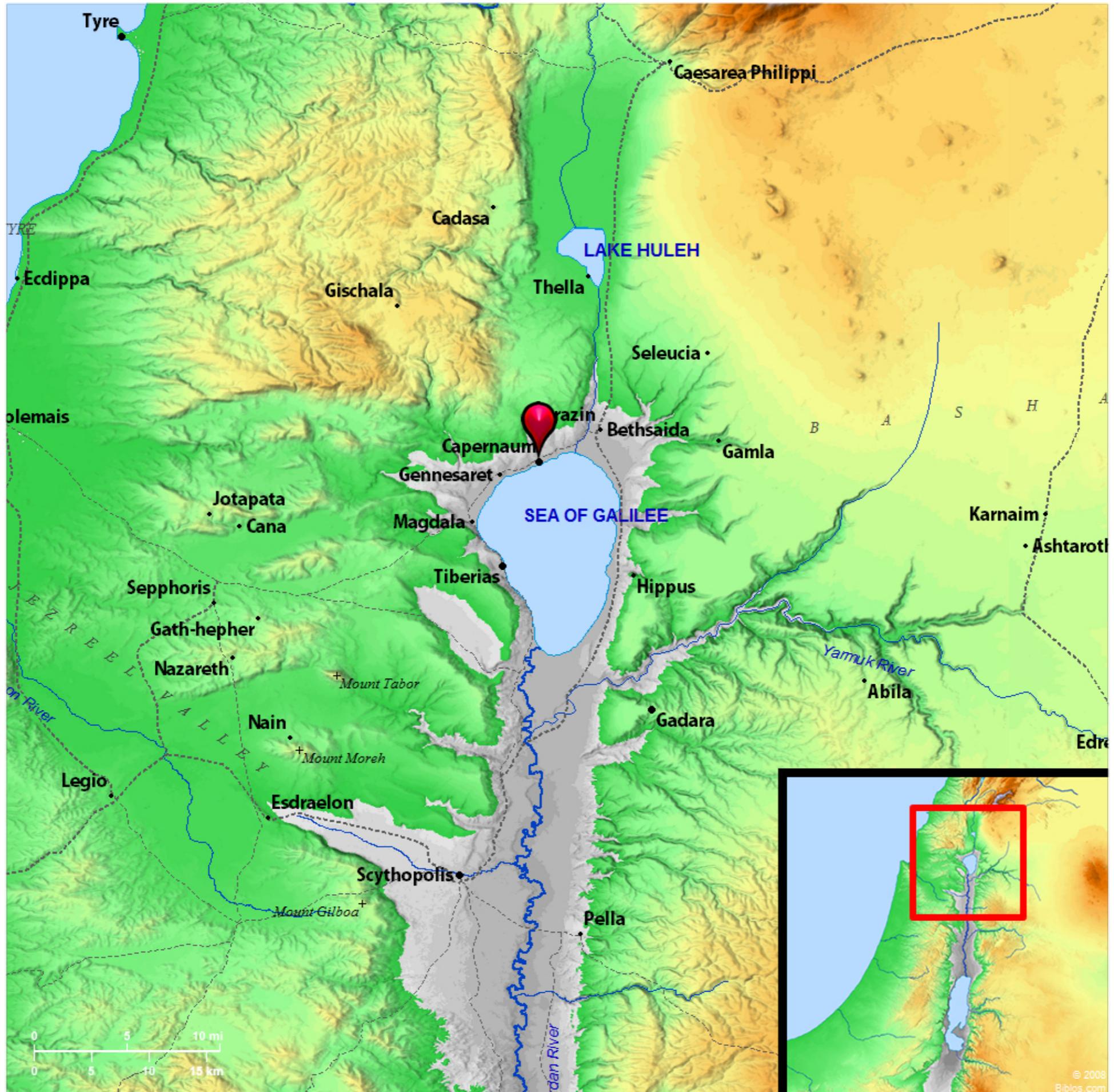
**40** Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.

**41** “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

**43** Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. **44** Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. **45** You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.

**46** You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. **47** Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” **48** Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” **49** The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” **50** Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

**Luke 7: 36 – 50**



**"The saving power of faith resides thus not in itself, but in the Almighty Savior on whom it rests...It is not, strictly speaking, even faith in Christ that saves, but that Christ saves through faith."**

**B.B. Warfield**

**“If you sincerely drink poison, it will kill you: if you sincerely believe a lie, you will suffer the consequences... You must not only be sincere, but you must be right.”**

**Charles Spurgeon**

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- \* Religious Power & Authority

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- \* God's Favor/Grace is Earned

**“16 know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.”**

**Galatians 2:16**

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- \* Good Character



**“None of this (cruelty) seems to be true of this centurion, for one single reason: he has come under the influence of the God of the Jews who, though they still owned slaves, were the kindest slave owners in history.”**

**Michael Card, Luke: The Gospel of Amazement**

**“His (the Centurion) love of a nation universally hated could proceed only from zeal for the Law, and from reverence for God. By building a synagogue, he showed plainly that he favored the doctrine of the Law.”**

**John Calvin, Harmony of the Evangelists**

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worthiness, not his own

# Simon the Pharisee



**“Pharisees were members of one of the most important and influential religious and political parties of Judaism in the time of Jesus. There were more than 6,000 Pharisees at about this time. The Pharisees were strict and zealous adherents to the laws of the OT”**

**The NET Bible First Edition Notes**

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**“The parable does not deal with the amount of sin in a person’s life but the awareness of that sin in his heart. How much sin must a person commit to be a sinner? Simon and the woman were both sinners.”**

**The Bible Exposition Commentary: Luke**

**“Simon said to himself, “She is a sinner”; but he needed to say, “I am a sinner.” In His parable, Jesus made it clear that all of us are in debt to God and are unable to pay because we are spiritually bankrupt. The two debts (\$500 vs. \$50) represent not the amount of sin, but the awareness of guilt. The woman knew she was guilty of sinning against God, but Simon had no conviction of sin.”**

**Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament**

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- \* Does not Understand his  
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**“12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside.”**

**1 Corinthians 5:12**

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and Forgiveness in Jesus



**“Faith of itself could not contribute a penny to salvation, but it is the purse which holds a precious Christ within itself.”**

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