



B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *It all begins with how you see yourself.*

The key to Jesus' praise of John is the content of John's preaching:

- Deal with and struggle over your sinful self.
- Embrace God's solution provided for you on the cross of Calvary.
- Declare your faith in Jesus by being baptized.
- Live according to His character out of love for Him.

Jesus now closes chapter 7 with an example of two people – a *Pharisee* and a *Prostitute*, one who rejected God's truth & one who believed it.

Let's re-tell this colorful story (v. 36-37)...

Matthew 11:28-30

Is this your testimony? Examine four keys you need to grasp:

1. The _____ v. 47
v. 47 – “many are forgiven” vs. “little is forgiven”

2. The _____ v. 47, 48, 50
“are forgiven...are forgiven...are forgiven” and “hath saved” are all perfect (past completed action with present results), passive (subject is passive) verbs.

Her actions that night did NOT result in Jesus forgiving her.

3. The _____ v. 50a

4. The _____ v. 50b

How do you see yourself & God?

Sunday Evening – part 2 of the morning message.

Consider three remaining lessons from this story:

1. The _____ Flaw v. 39-47

This morning we focused on the woman in the story. Now, let's consider the man in the story.

1. What the Pharisee _____ in His Mind v. 39, 47
 - ⇒ His judgment of the _____
 - ⇒ His judgment of _____
 - ⇒ His judgment of _____
2. What Jesus _____ to the Pharisee's Ears v. 40-48
 - ⇒ A simple story v. 40-43
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 - 50 pence =
 - ⇒ A complex issue v. 44-48

2. _____ Superiority v. 38-39, 48-49

We are here supplied with two powerful truths about Jesus' Deity.

1. Satan has no _____ on Jesus v. 38-39
John 14:30
2. Jesus is the _____ of Sins v. 48-49

3. _____ Straightforward Confrontation v. 40, 44-46

Following Jesus' example will result in a willingness to speak plainly to people.

Titus 2:15; 2 Timothy 4:2-4

Practical lessons, eh?!