

# The Sinful Woman

A Sinful Woman Anoints Jesus | Luke 7:36-50

One of the religious leaders named Simon had invited **Jesus** to have **dinner** with him. So Jesus entered Simon's house and was reclining at the table with him. A **woman** who had lived a sinful life learned Jesus was eating at the house. She entered the house, bringing with her a jar of perfume. She stood behind, weeping so that her tears began to wet the feet of Jesus. Then she began to wipe the feet of Jesus with her hair. She kissed his feet and **poured perfume** on his feet.

When Simon saw this, he said to himself, "If this man really were a prophet he would know who is touching him, what kind of woman she is—a sinner!" Jesus knew what Simon was thinking in his heart and so answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, Teacher," Simon said. Jesus then told this story, "Two men owed money to a moneylender. One owed him a **large amount of money**, and the other owed a much **smaller amount**. When it came time to repay the moneylender, neither man had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." Jesus answered: "You have judged correctly."

Then Jesus turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house but you did not give me any water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, had not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put fragrant oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you, go in peace."

## Symbols in the Story



Jesus



Dinner guests



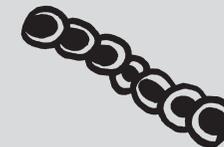
Woman



Perfume

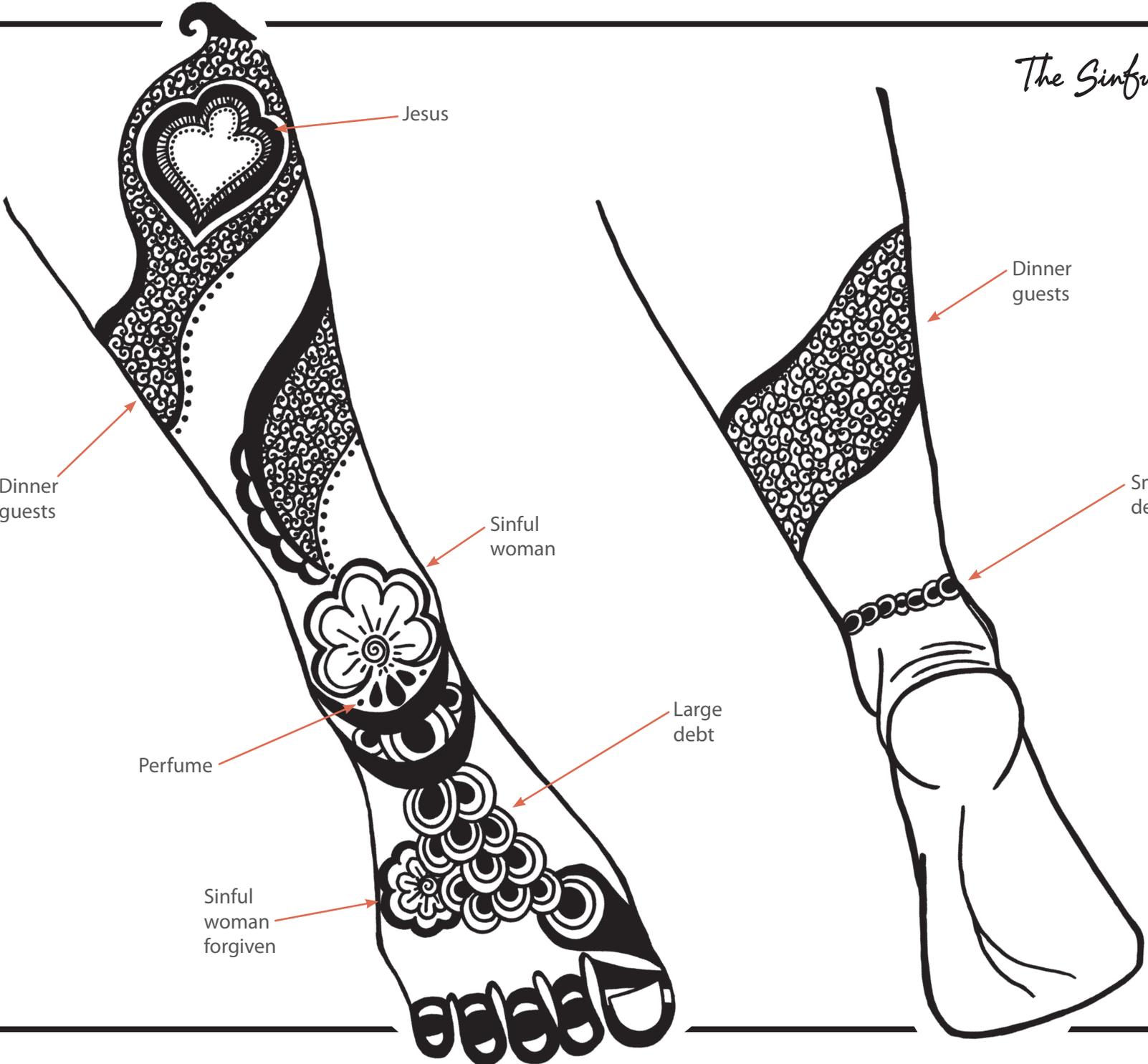


Large debt



Small debt

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Sinful woman forgiven