A Teaching Series for Women

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to the first part of a new series focused on women in the Bible.

There have been other teachings on women shared previously. If you missed any and would like to receive them, feel free to send me a message.

Today’s Focus: How Jesus Recognized Women During His Earthly Ministry

As we examine the earthly ministry of Jesus, we discover that He addressed different women in unique ways each with divine intention and profound meaning.

Sometimes, He called a woman “Daughter.”
Other times, He called her “Mother.”
And in some instances, simply “Woman.”

These aren’t just casual or interchangeable terms. Each title carries theological and prophetic significance, directed at a specific identity or role. To understand this deeply enhances your Bible study and spiritual growth.

1) Today’s Lesson “WOMAN” A Divine Acknowledgment of Gender

When Jesus addressed someone as “Woman,” He was not referring to her status, age, or social class but to her God given gender.

To call someone “woman” is to acknowledge something foundational and sacred: she is a bearer of the image of God in her femininity. This is not a lesser title; it is a call to purpose and identity.

Let us consider a remarkable example from Scripture the woman in Luke 7, known throughout her city as a sinner. Yet Jesus addressed her as “Woman,” not by her past or her reputation.

The Anointing Woman: Luke 7:37–48 (ESV)

> *Luke 7:37-38*
> “And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing

> behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.”

This woman, unnamed yet unforgettable, offered an extravagant and humble act of devotion. She never spoke a word but her actions became her prayer.

> *Luke 7:44-47*
> “Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.’”

> *Luke 7:48*

> “And he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’”

What Do We Learn from This “Woman”?

- She was known for her sin, but Jesus recognized her devotion.
- Her repentance was not in words, but in costly, sacrificial action.
- She brought expensive ointment, poured it out for Jesus.
- She used her hair a symbol of glory for a woman (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:15) to wipe Jesus’ feet.

This was no ordinary act. Most women would protect their appearance, especially their hair. But she humbled herself, breaking through shame, status, and decorum just to honor Christ.

As a result, Jesus did not call her by her sin, nor by her past. He simply said: “Woman, your sins are forgiven.”

A Call to Every Woman

Before you study the life of apostles like Peter or Paul, pause and learn from women like this one.
She had no title. No position. No name recorded. But she received

Jesus’ full attention and complete forgiveness.

Even the Pharisee (Simon), who hosted Jesus at his house, failed to show Him the honor that this “sinful woman” did. She saw His worth and acted on it.

If you’re a woman who desires:

- Forgiveness,
- Favor,
- Healing,
- Restoration,

…then do what this woman did: serve Christ with all you are and all you have.
Don’t just pray with words let your life itself be an offering.

And what does it mean to “anoint the body of Christ” today?
It means: Serve His Church.

- Give.
- Clean.
- Volunteer.
- Pray.

- Encourage.
- Build His Kingdom.

> *Romans 12:1 (ESV)*
> “Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Women Were Key Supporters of Jesus’ Ministry

> *Luke 8:2-3 (ESV)*
> “...and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.”

These women weren’t just bystanders. They were pillars of support, using their resources, time, and devotion to uphold the work of Jesus.

Your Role as a Woman is Sacred

Jesus sees the value of women not by worldly status, but by heart posture and sacrificial love.

So rise up, Woman of God.
You are not defined by your past.
You are not limited by your gender.
You are called to serve Christ, just as faithfully and powerfully as any man or leader.

Serve the Lord with all your heart.
Let your actions be worship.
Let your love be your message.
And let heaven say of you like it did for that woman:

> “Woman, your sins are forgiven.” *(Luke 7:48)*

Maranatha The Lord is Coming.

May the Lord bless you richly.

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