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“Wherever this Gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done shall also be spoken of in memory of her," (Mt. 26:13).
Memorial Day

Now, our Memorial day is a day of bereavement, remembering those who have been lost in war, the heroic fallen, those whom Lincoln described at Gettysburg as having, “Given that last full measure of their devotion,” in service to their country.
The KEY to it all is the great LOVE that she had for Her Savior.
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- LOVE is Forgiving (it doesn’t hold a grudge)
Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him. And Jesus entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined at the table.

And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."
What **Memorials** are supposed to do, what this particular memory is supposed to generate is a **present knowledge** of **MY RELATIONSHIP** to Christ. *(Either as that of the woman or that of the Pharisees)*

This event is to be **Remembered**, (in my opinion) because it contains several important truths that we so often forget, **but which need to be brought forward into our conscious minds**.
LOVE is Accepting

Rom 15:4-7 - For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 Now, may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;

6 that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.
In Luke 7, the Pharisees had no real interest in Jesus either, they REJECTED Jesus, only pretending to be interested in Him so as to catch Him in some violation of their legalistic interpretation of the Law.

God was NOT glorified by their behavior.

But God was glorified by the woman who ACCEPTED her need for forgiveness, and who ACCEPTED Jesus as Messiah acting in faith to honor Him.
LOVE is Believing

- RE. The Woman
- Luke 7:37-38 - And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining {at the table} in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind {Him} at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.
Belief and Forgiveness

- **Belief** is **essential** to the Christian life. It is fundamental to understanding of our **forgiveness** in Christ.

- **Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16** – Our Baptism is **for** the forgiveness of sins. *(BELIEVE THIS?)*
I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service;

even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are {found} in Christ Jesus...
LOVE is Compassionate

1 Tim 1:12-16 (cont.) – It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost {of all.}

16 And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.
Luke 15:7 – “I tell you... there will be {more} joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who [feel no] need [for] repentance.”
41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred Denarii, and the other fifty.

42 "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him more?"
44  *And turning toward the woman, Jesus 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 (heart-water), and wiped them with her hair.

45  "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.

46  "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.
47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

48 And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

*He looked at the woman, but He spoke to Simon.*
LOVE is Expressive

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- when she learned Jesus was there
- she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,
- weeping, she began to wet His feet
- wiping them with the hair of her head, [and]
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In Contrast

44  ... “I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her (no heart-water), and wiped them with her hair.

45  You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.

46  You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.”
James 2:14-20

14 What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works (expression)? Can that faith save him?

- The Greek word is ergon (er'-gon); from a primary [word] ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act: [KJV-- deed, doing, labor, work].

- THIS IS NOT THEORY>>> THIS FAITH WORKS!
15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for {their} body, what use is that?

17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, {being} by itself.

18 But someone may {well} say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?
47 “For this reason (What Reason?) I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

48 And He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”

49 And those who were reclining {at the table} with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this {man} who even forgives sins?”

50 And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” (The peace of Forgiveness)
COMPLETE FORGIVENESS = COMPLETE PEACE.

NO FORGIVENESS = NO PEACE.
Luke 6:31-36

31 "And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way.

32 "And if you [only] love those who love you, what credit is {that} to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

33 "And if you [only] do good to those who do good to you, what credit is {that} to you? For even sinners do the same…

35 "Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil {men.}

36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
Jesus taught us ALL about Forgiveness in Word and Deed; WITH THIS SUMMATION in Sermon on the Mount…

Matt 6:14-15 – “For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.”
Memorial Day is an appropriate day to bring forward to our minds the great debt we owe those who have given that “last full measure of their devotion,” in service to their country.
Today’s True Story from Luke is an appropriate way to remember the debt we owe Jesus, who gave that “last full measure of His devotion,” in service to our souls.

NEVER FORGET!
Today, if you are forgiven, saved...

ALL BECAUSE of CHRIST.