

Womanly Encounters with Jesus

This bible study is an outline intended for a group of mature women who are interested in studying together. This study was written for a core group of MLC graduates and pastor's wives and would not be suitable for those new to Christianity or the Lutheran faith.

The group is asked to bring (or borrow from their pastor) copies of bible study resources such as the People's Bible (for each Gospel), Franzmann, Kretzmann and possibly Ylvisaker. Your pastor may offer encouragement about which resources would be best.*

The group reads through the story then each participant skims a resource for comments and insights. Several people could have People's Bibles because they often note different comments.

The questions guide the discussion.

*not all the commentators agree on some of the details (i.e. what time of day was the woman at the well) so confer with your pastor if you have questions!

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The Samaritan Woman at the Well

Read and Review the story in each Gospel

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
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The Woman Caught in Adultery

Discussion Questions

1. How many Gospels contain this story and how are they different?

Remember the audience of each gospel was different. How might that shape the account?

Note which Gospel contains most of these stories. Why might that be?

The Prostitute who Washed Jesus' Feet

2. What is the context of this section of Scripture?

3. At what point in Jesus' ministry did this event occur?

4. What do we know about the setting, scene or story?

The Woman with an Issue of Blood

5. Identify the people in the story.

- a. What do we know about them?

- b. Who do you relate to most easily?

Jesus Raises the Young Man at Nain

Mary Washes Jesus' feet

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6. What qualities of Jesus do we see in this story?

7. Jesus is true God and true man. At times we see glimpses of his humanity and/or divinity. Are either apparent in these accounts? How are they shown?

8. What situation does he speak to?
 - a. Have you ever been in a situation like this?
 - b. How does he address it?

9. Which words or verses are:
 - a. Most significant
 - b. Confusing
 - c. Related to other passages

10. Identify the messages of law and/or gospel.

What message strikes you most?