I Was the One

Luke 8:43-48; 17:11-19; 18:35-42; 23:35; John 4:1-26

Warm gospel feel = 116



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TOPICS: Assurance & Comfort; God's Love; Lent-Easter; Life of Christ; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: Jesus said,

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed."
(Luke 4:18, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

When I Met Jesus

As I read the gospels and watch individuals interact with Jesus, I see myself.

I was the foreign woman, an outsider and totally unworthy of Him. I had no right to even approach Him, but I had nowhere else to turn. What could I do? So I ran to Him and just fell at His feet and begged. He looked into my face, smiled, and took away my need completely. (Mark 7:24-30)

I was the leper who cried out to Jesus from a distance, "Have pity on me!" And He did! He certainly did! Now I am well and whole, and I have friends and family again. I have a beautiful, brand-new life, all because of Him! (Luke 17:12-19)

I was blind and in a pit of despair. One day, sitting there in my darkness, I heard that Jesus was nearby. I cried out to Him, hoping He would hear, "Jesus, have mercy on me! Have mercy on me!" They tried to silence me, but I knew this was my last chance. I kept screaming, "Jesus, Jesus, have mercy on me!" And do you know what He did? He stopped and called me over to Himself. He touched me, healed me, and now I can see! I can see! (Mark 10:46-52)

I was the woman at the well. No matter who was around, I felt so alone. I was trapped by my weaknesses and disgraced by my own choices. But Jesus came to me and talked to me, so patiently, respectfully, and kindly. Now I am a different person, just because I met Him. How I love Him! (John 4)

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