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Go Deep  
**Was Jesus a Feminist?**  
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"An equal world is an enabled world" is the theme of International Women's Day, March 8.

*What does it mean to be a woman in our culture?*

*What challenges or privileges do women face?*

*What role has the Bible played in our culture's view of women? In your view of women?*

The Bible is a mixed bag on women. There are horrible, misogynistic, abusive passages and there are passages on equality - feminist passages.

For example: Check out this sampling of verses and think about them, discuss them -

*What do these say about the status of women? What do you do with these verses?*

*Exodus 20:17; Numbers 31:17-18; 1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Exodus 15:20;*

*Judges 4:4; 2 Kings 22:14-20*

Phillip, Sunday, referred to Jesus as a feminist. *How do you feel about that?*

Google defines "feminism" as: "The advocacy of women's rights based on the equality of the sexes." *Do you think Jesus fits that definition?*

Take a look at these two episodes of Jesus' encounters with women:

1. Luke 10:38-42. Read this along with Acts 22:1-3.

*What is the significance of the phrase "sitting at the feet"?*

*What role was Martha taking? What role was Mary taking?*

*Why was that such a big deal?*

2. Luke 11:27-28.

*Have you ever heard or were you taught that "Being a mom is simply the highest calling?"*

*What do read Jesus saying about that?*

Imagine being a first-century woman in Palestine who has only known a life dominated by men.

*What kind of impact do you think Jesus' teaching would have had on you?*

Jesus broke all kinds of taboos regarding women.

*What taboos related to women do you wish were broken today?*

*What role or impact would you like to play in relation to women's rights today?*