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Jesus, you see me.
You are not put off by my appearance,
or my reputation,
or any of the accusations others pile on me.
You know me, heart to heart.
Your look touches the core of my being,
it melts what is frozen in me,
it burns away all that is sordid,
it lifts the burden of guilt and self-recrimination.
As the tears stream from my eyes to bathe your feet,
the sweet aroma of perfume permeates
all with forgiveness,
with indiscriminate love.
Be with me and help me to widen my circle of hospitality
so that all will know the welcome,
compassion and forgiveness You so freely gave to me.

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