

The Women Who Anointed Jesus with Perfume

(Lk 7:36-50)

I. THE BEHAVIOR OF THE WOMAN (37-38)

A. The Act was Daring. — *risking public scorn and personal rejection*

1. To Enter that Social Setting —she was not welcome in polite society
2. To Touch Jesus —would He pull away in disgust and horror?

B. The Gift was Extravagant. — *the worth of Jesus, she held nothing back*

C. The Delivery was Sincere.

1. Emotional (38; Ps 62:8)—*vulnerability, pouring out her soul in tears*
2. Physical (Ps 63:1; Jam 2:17, 26)—*sensuous* (perceived by the physical senses) Her actions gave powerful witness to her faith.

D. The Interaction was Personal. — *emotional intimacy, spiritual connection*

II. THE REACTION OF A PHARISEE (39)

A. Unbelieving — *Jesus is not a prophet.*

B. Judgmental — *This woman is not worthy of attention or kindness.*

1. Misrepresenting the Character of God (Ps 103:8; Ex 34:6; Joe. 2:13; Jonah 4:2)

2. **Usurping the Position of God** (Jn 5:22; Act 10:42; Rom 14:10; 1 Cor 4:5; 2 Tim 4:1; 1 Pet 4:5)

3. **Blind to our own condition.**(Mat 15:3; Lk 6:37; Rom 2:23) *self-righteous.*

C. **Coldhearted** (44, 47)—*little love*

III. **THE RESPONSE OF JESUS** (40-50)—

A. **Protective** (Num 35:13; Rom 10:11)—*speaks up to defend the woman*

B. **Humanizing** (44; Gen 16:3; Ps 142:4; Jn 10:3;)—*recognizing her personhood and dignity*

C. **Accepting** (Ps 25:18; 51:6, 15-17; Isa 38:17; Hos 14:2; Mat 11:28; Lk 5:32; Jn 6:37; Heb 4:15-16; 1 Jn 1:9)— **Not EXCUSING sin but FORGIVING it**

IV. **THE QUESTION OF WORTH**

A. **Jesus is worthy.** (2 Sam 23:15-17; Ps 63:3; 84:10)—*of utmost love and devotion*

B. **Jesus makes us worthy.** (Isa43:1; 44:2; Jer 31:3; 2 Cor 1:21)—*the price He paid proves the value He places upon us.*

C. **Jesus wants our love.** (Ps 45:11; Song 2:14 & 7:5)—*He is in love with us.*