

# **Making the most of Sunday worship**

## **“Love Breaking Out”**

**Luke 7:37-7:50**

# **Good News of the Kingdom (Luke 7)**

- 1. Jesus' encounter with a Roman centurion at Capernaum (7:1–10)** - Jesus performs a miracle at a distance, and at the end of the story we find 'the **slave well**' (7:10)
- 2. raising of the widow's son at Nain (7:11–17)-**  
'man who had **died**' (7:12) thereupon '**sat up**, and began to speak' (7:15).
- 3. next eighteen verses** are chiefly concerned with Jesus' teaching
- 4. Our Text (7:37-50)**



## 2 Characters

### Pharisee

- A member of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law
- Well respected in the society
- **Simon's view of himself**-confident of his standing before God because of his works
- **Simon's view of Jesus** – teacher maybe prophet suspected Jesus was a fraud and certainly not worthy of honor

# 2 Characters

## Sinful woman

- A Woman who lived a sinful life
- Perhaps a prostitute
- Which made her an outcast and was looked down upon in the society
- **Woman's view of herself** – broken in need of forgiveness and peace in her soul. She was willing to give everything for it.
- **Woman's view of Jesus**- merciful friend of sinners and true prophet of God

<sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'  
<sup>34</sup>**The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'**

**Luke 7:33-34**



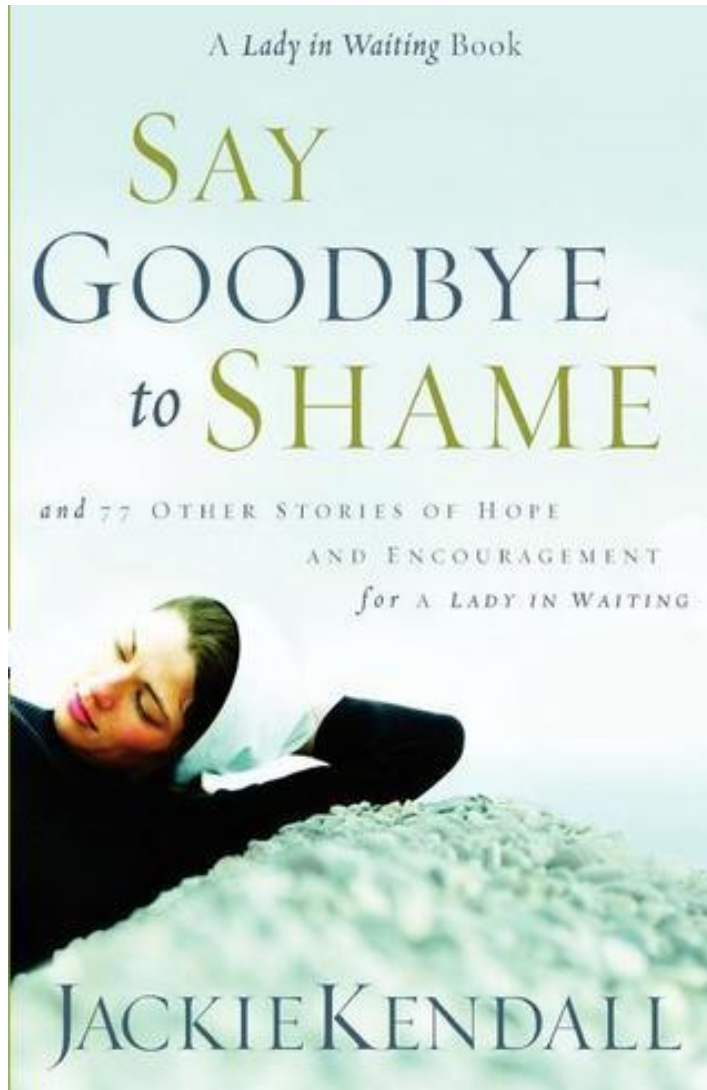


The word '**alabastron**' encompasses both the type of material as well as the form of container. Alabaster containers were ideal receptacle for perfume probably entered Israel from Egypt was frequently made into handless perfume flasks with necks typically long and thin. Jews, like all the other civilized ancient peoples made much use of fragrant ointment, often rare and great price.

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

**Matthew 26:6-7**





“In the day of Jesus, when a young woman reached the age of availability for marriage, her family would purchase her an alabaster jar and fill it with precious ointment. The size of the jar and the value of the ointment would parallel her family’s wealth. This alabaster jar would be part of her **dowry**. When the young man came to ask for her in marriage, she would respond by taking the alabaster jar and breaking it at his feet. The gesture of anointing his feet showed him honor.” (p. 156)

16 For You do not delight in  
sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;  
You are not pleased with burnt  
offering. 17 The sacrifices of God  
are a broken spirit; a broken and  
contrite heart, O God, you will not  
despise.

**Psalms 51:16-17**

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

**Matthew 5:2-3**

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness (mercy) is intended to lead you to repentance?

**Romans 2:4**

**Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

The Greek word here translated "substance" is "hupostasis" and carries the connotation of a *firm foundation*.

**12**By pouring this perfume on Me, she has prepared My body for burial. **13**Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.  
**14**Then one of the Twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests...

**Matthew 26:12, 13, 14**

# **Preparing our heart to love God**

- **Contrite heart**
- **Devotion and sacrifice**
- **Humble act of service to God**
- **All done in pure act of faith that God will respond**



14But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a fount of water springing up to eternal life.”

**John 4:14**