

I Have Something To Tell You; Do Beautiful Things To Jesus.

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. ⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. ⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:36-50)

The story of the woman who poured an expensive perfume on Jesus' body is mentioned in the four gospels. Many they misunderstood that woman but Jesus saw her heart and approved what she did. When the Pharisee thought incorrect things in his mind Jesus told him in verse **Luke 7:40** **"I have something to tell you."** God wants to tell you something. God wants to teach you something. Sometimes you think yourself better than others, but God wants you to be better in the following:-

1- No self righteousness: The Pharisee he thought he is better than the woman but her deeds made her better than the Pharisees. And this what Jesus said, **"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."** (Matthew 20:16) Do you get the point? It depends on how much your achievement with the Lord. It depends on how much we love God! God does not want us to look down on others and despise them because we think they are less than us, **"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."** (Romans 12:16)

2- There is always an opportunity to repent from our sins, and that is what God wants us to do right now: Verse 42 of the above passage speaks about the moneylender who had canceled the debts of the two persons that he owe them money. So as the woman came to Jesus with tears of repentance there is forgiveness for her. There is always forgiveness in repentance. There is assurance of forgiveness in coming to the Lord. But we should not repeat that again. Some they consider adultery stealing and murder are sins, but also anger, gossips, telling lies, creating troubles to others are all sins and we need to repent from this sinful life style. The woman repented and justified by the Lord, but the Pharisee did not repent from his self-righteousness.

3- Love God as He loved you: Jesus is showing the Pharisees a model better than in what the woman did as He told him **"Do you see this woman?"** (Luke 7:44) Jesus is showing good example to us to follow: Do you see this person? Do you see this brother? Do you see this sister? Do you see Abel, Noah, and Abraham? God is teaching us through good example of people. Jesus is showing the Pharisees a model better than Him. So we have to learn from the good examples. We need to be teachable.

4- Willingness to serve: The first service to God is our repentance. Jesus said to the Pharisee, **"I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears"** Washing of the feet is willingness to serve; to be servants and not masters. In **Luke 7: 38** **"As she stood behind him at his feet weeping."** The woman was humble for she came from behind and from the feet side and not from the front. Jesus can see how humble she is because she was in repentance. Jesus is seeing broken heart and contrite spirit from the way she behave, **"My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise."** (Psalm 51:17) Humbleness is required so we can serve. Do you get the message? Humility is needed from now onward.

5- And wiped them with her hair: The woman wiped the feet of Jesus with her hair. She was willing even to offer her beauty and sacrifice it to the Lord. When we want to serve, in certain circumstances we get more hard time that even can affect our own physical fitness and beauty because we would have less sleep, less food and less rest or we will be exposed to the heat of the sun or the cold of the winter time. But the Willingness to sacrifice must be there. The woman who wiped Jesus feet with her hair, as a girl she care for her hair, wash it, put cream on it, and make it beautiful; but after being at Jesus feet she is no more concern about her beauty but to serve God and care for His things.

6- Giving much is required: We need to do outstanding things that deserve recognition. The woman she has poured perfume at Jesus' feet. She did not put little but much. She gave much of Expensive perfume. We need to give much of Expensive things for God. Did the bible tell us how much she gave to the Lord? In **Matthew 26:7** It speaks about, **"A woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume."** But in **John 12:5** it says how much what she gave equal; **"It was worth a year's wages."** What she gave was equal to one year salary. In **Matthew 26:10** Jesus said about the woman **she has done a beautiful thing to me.** She has done a beautiful thing to Jesus, therefore we need to do beautiful things for Jesus. Ask yourself now have you done any beautiful thing to the Lord. In **Matthew 26:13** The Lord said about the Woman: **"I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."** We need to do outstanding things that the Lord will approve and commend.

7- Purity in heart and motive: In **Mark 14:3** of the same story the woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. Purity before God is required. Not only we need to do good work but also our motive should be clean.

8- Purposeful giving is required: In **John 12:7** Jesus said about the woman **"Leave her alone,"** Jesus replied. **"It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial."** It was intended that she should save this perfume for a good purpose. So there is a purpose to keep aside certain precious things for God.

My Dear and Beloved: Jesus sent the woman with a blessing and the same today He is sending you with a blessing. 1- Jesus sent the woman with assurances of forgiveness **"Your sins are forgiven."** (Luke 7:48) 2- Jesus assured the woman of her salvation **"Your faith has saved you."** (Luke 7:50) And 3- He sent her in peace **"Go in peace."** (Luke 7:50) He is going to do the same with us if we do the same of what that woman did as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord help me to be humble and guide me to do beautiful things for you, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.