

INVITED

Luke 7:36-50 & Matthew 11:28-30

You Are...Week 1

Jesus invites the people, others REJECT.

*“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. 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.” - Luke 7:37-38*

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ALABASTER JAR:

1. This was her most VALUABLE possession.
2. This was a SYMBOL of her FUTURE.

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” - Romans 12:1*

*“When the Pharisee who had invited Him [Jesus] 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. Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, Teacher,” he said. Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii and the other fifty. 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?” Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. Then He [Jesus] 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. You did not give Me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet. You did not put oil on My head, but she has poured perfume on My feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” - Luke 7:44-48*

WHY DID THIS WOMAN RISK SO MUCH TO BE AT THE FEET OF JESUS?

- She heard about His UNCONDITIONAL love and INDESCRIBABLE grace.
- She heard that even SHE was INVITED to God's FAMILY.

*"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* - Matthew 11:28-30

WHAT DID NOT CHANGE HER?

- Judging her LIFESTYLE didn't CHANGE her lifestyle.

WHAT DID CHANGE HER?

- An INVITATION to know Jesus, to experience His GRACE, GOODNESS, LOVE, and FREEDOM.

*"Come to Me... and I will give you rest."* - Jesus