

**Luke 7:36-50**  
**What Does Forgiveness Smell Like?**



The woman in Luke's gospel used her valuable perfume on Jesus' feet. What is the most extravagant gift you have ever given someone? Why did you give the gift?

What is the greatest gift you have ever received, apart from salvation? The most expensive? Why were you given it?

The woman worshipped Jesus by anointing His feet with perfume; name some ways, other than singing, that you have worshipped God. (This might include things you have done for others in Jesus' name.)

When the woman walked in, she was recognized by others as a sinner. What do people see when they look at you – how do they view you? How does Jesus view you? Whose opinion is more important?

Compare the actions of the woman and the actions of Simon. What was the outcome of the woman's judging? What was the outcome of Simon's judging? Why is it important to judge yourself before you judge others? How does this affect your worship of God?

- Simon didn't wash Jesus' feet with plain water; the woman *rained* on them with her tears.
- Simon didn't greet Jesus with the common little kiss, a *philema* on the cheek; the woman did not stop kissing his feet. The word here for kiss here is *kataphilousa* – to kiss earnestly. Luke uses the same word to describe the kiss the father gives to the Prodigal Son when he finally returns. It's a kiss with meaning.
- Simon didn't anoint Jesus' head with common olive oil when He came in – but the woman has anointed His feet with costly perfume

