

# **ALL IN: Breaking The Box**

## **(Luke 7:36-50)**

### **Introduction**

The Bible is filled with people that did radical things in response to Jesus. A tax-collector climbed a tree to see him. Four friends cut a hole in the neighbor's roof and lowered their friend to Jesus during a small group session. One woman fought through a crowd of people just to touch the hem of His garment. People abandoned their previous vocations to follow him. One guy even thought he could walk on water.

What is it about Jesus that caused people to do such radical things? Was it a promise of wealth? Was it a promise of pleasure? Was it a promise of "Their Best Life Now?"

No, Jesus made it clear. Following Him would cost the disciple everything in this life in exchange for the promise of reward in the next life.

**Contextualize Luke 7:37-50.** Today, we will examine another of those radical followers of Jesus and learn why she was ALL IN for Jesus. She was a sinful woman who crashed a religious party and anointed Jesus with perfume and tears. She truly was ALL IN.

**Contextualize this sermon** in the ALL IN series.

### **I. The Declaration of "ALL IN" (v. 36-38)**

**A) Crashing the Party**

**B) Breaking the Box**

**C) Anointing with Tears**

## **II. The Meaning of Her Declaration**

**A) My life is meaningless without Jesus.**

(The Pharisees stoned women like her! What a risk!)

**B) Nothing is more valuable than Jesus.**

(The box of perfume was likely her most valuable possession.)

**C) I abandon who I once was.**

(Perfume was a valuable “tool” in the prostitute trade. It represented the continual covering of sin’s stench in her life.)

## **III. The Motive For Her Declaration (v. 40-50)**

(Why did she break that box of ointment open? She understood the depth of her sin and the nature of God’s forgiveness.)

**A) The sinfulness of sin (v. 40-43)**

**B) The Value of the Savior (v. 44-46)**

**C) The Depth of Forgiveness (v. 47-50)**

(Not until we realize the depth of our sin and forgiveness will we be ALL IN for Jesus. Most of us came to Jesus for what He could do for us – heal, forgive, repair. But somewhere we must realize that serving Jesus is not about getting, but abandoning to HIM.)

## **Conclusion**