

Scripture this week:

Mark 14:1-11

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people." ³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Waste or Worship?

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In our text, a woman pours perfume, valuing a year's wages on Jesus. It is alleged that her act was wasteful. The question is, was it wasteful or was it worship? Jesus' response will answer that question and make an essential truth clear to us.

Notes:

Life Group Questions:

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1. Mark doesn't explicitly tell us what motivated the woman to pour perfume on Jesus, but what does the text imply?
2. What were those, who claimed the woman's expression was "wasteful", missing about Jesus?
3. Wouldn't it have been good to use the money the perfume could have provided for the poor? Why was it good to use it for Jesus?
4. When you think about worshipping Jesus, how would you describe what worship is?
5. Can we worship things besides God? How is worshipping God different from worshipping other things or other people?
6. What do you think are some of the misunderstandings some people have about the worship of God?
7. What motivates you to worship God? How do you know you are worshipping God? What does worshipping God feel like?