



Waste or Worship?





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Religious Leaders / Disciples / **Crowd**



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.



Mark 14:1-11

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Is it a waste?



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Is it a waste?

Is it worship?



Disciples



Disciples – **It's a waste.**



Disciples – It’s a waste.

Mark 14:3-5

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Woman (Crowd)



Woman (Crowd) - **Jesus**



Woman (Crowd)

- Jesus

- **It's worship.**



Mark 14:3-9

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Misconceptions of worship:



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- **Only on Sundays**



Misconceptions of worship:

- Only on Sundays
- **Only involves music**



Misconceptions of worship:

- Only on Sundays
- Only involves music
- **Only about God**



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Worship =



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Worship = **Ascribing value to something.**



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Worship = Ascribing value to something. **We know what we value by how happy “it” makes us.**



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- **Silently, adoringly, gazing at a piece of art**



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- **Listening to or singing along with a song we like**



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- **Savoring a delicious meal**



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- **Telling someone we “love” them**



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- **Watching a television show**



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- Watching a television show
- **Working towards the accomplishment of anything**



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- Working towards the accomplishment of anything
- **Spending money on “anything”**



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God created us to worship. **To find value in people, in things.**



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- Golf clubs more than kids
- Food more than health
- Fabulous reputation more than genuine character
- **Anything or anyone more than Jesus**



Woman worshipped Jesus.



Woman worshipped Jesus. **She ascribed to Him exceptional value.**



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**She worshipped Jesus = She happily,
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She worshipped Jesus = She happily, uninhibitedly, unreservedly, unconditionally poured extraordinarily valuable oil on Jesus. **Because Jesus was extraordinarily valuable to her.**



Mark wants us to see:



Mark wants us to see:

- **Those who recognize Jesus for who He is are drawn to Him**



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- Those who recognize Jesus for who He is are drawn to Him
- **Those who recognize Jesus and are drawn to Him worship Him, find Him extraordinarily valuable**



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- Those who recognize Jesus and are drawn to Him worship Him, find Him extraordinarily valuable
- **Joyfully, inevitably, have to express the value they experience in Jesus**



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 - **Time**



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 - **Money**



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 - **Energy**



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 - **Gifts and abilities**



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 - **Words**



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- Those who recognize Jesus and are drawn to Him worship Him, find Him extraordinarily valuable
- Joyfully, inevitably, have to express the value they experience in Jesus
 - In limitless ways
 - **In ways those who don't find Jesus as valuable would view as wasteful, foolish**



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- **We who recognize Jesus value Him above all else and we express that with unrestrained, wholehearted worship**