



The Story Told Round the World

Mark 14:3-9

Mary: The extravagant giver

- Beautiful in its expression
- Reckless in its value
- Perfect in its timing

The Disciples: The practical killjoys

- Let's be practical.
- Let's be honest.

Jesus: The ultimate giver

God's extravagant gift prompts our extravagant giving.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Three of the four gospels record this story of Jesus' anointing. Read each account and notice the details that unfold from each account. See Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:1-8.
2. What is the big deal about Mary's gift? Why did it cause such a stir? Can you think of other examples of extravagant gift-giving in the Bible? See 1 Chronicles 29:1-9, Luke 21:1-4, Acts 4:36-37 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. What is the most extravagant gift you have ever given (to anyone)?
3. Why does it seem so unexpected that the criticism about giving came from the disciples? Do you sympathize with their concerns about the use of the gift? How do you balance the practical needs of your life with extravagant giving?
4. Why does Jesus make a big deal about this story being told everywhere the gospel is preached? What is He trying to tell us? Is there a direct link between giving and devotion? Are you willing to follow Mary's example?

One Mission Memory Verse

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38