

EXTRAVAGANT LOVE
Mark 14:1-9

1. An Extravagant Love _____

Mark 14:3, "While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head."

- According to John 12:3, the fragrance filled the whole room
- Why the big fuss? How much could one little jar of perfume cost???
- The perfume was worth more than 300 denarii
- 1 denarii = 1 days wage (she poured out a whole year's salary)
- In the United States \$35,000 is the mean average annual income
- When you love someone, price is not your concern
- What would happen in the church if we spared no expense to show our love for God?
- What would happen if we became a living sacrifice? (Romans 12:1)

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Mark 14:4-5, "Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another: "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor."

- Rationally, we can understand why the disciple were upset
- The perfume could have been sold to buy blankets and soup and clothing for the poor
- In their mind they were thinking, "It's OK to express a little love for Jesus, but let's not go OVERBOARD"
- Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."
- Unfortunately, to the disciples, the ministry was quickly becoming a business... extravagance was no longer in their vocabulary.
- In verse 8 Jesus declared, "She did what she could"
- Ask yourself, "Have I done all that I could?"

An unbroken alabaster jar = no fragrance, no aroma

*"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are perishing."
2 Corinthians 2:15*

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