

Pouring it all out

Mark 14:1-9

Context: During the week before Jesus dies on the cross, he has been teaching openly in the temple. Mark now focuses away from the interactions of Jesus with the religious authorities, and onto his time with his disciples.

The Story of Mary at Bethany challenges us to...

I. _____ greatly to Jesus Christ (vs. 1-7)

- A. We are also told that this event occurred in the home of a man called "Simon the leper". It would appear that this man had been healed from leprosy by Jesus and throws a feast in the Lord's honor to thank Him for what he has done in his life.
- B. We are told in John's account of this same event that Martha is there serving, Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead, is there and so is Mary. In fact, it is Mary who performs this demonstration of love and sacrifice for the Lord Jesus Christ. (See John 12:1-8.)
- C. The sale of such costly oil would have yielded more than 300 days' wages of a laborer. (ESV Study Bible) The modern equivalent would be about \$35,000.

II. _____ the greater sacrifice Unfolding (vs. 8)

- A. Jesus describes the woman's action (v. 3) as beautiful, since she anointed his body beforehand for burial. Thus Jesus again predicts his death. (ESV Study Bible)
- B. Mark reminds the reader through the words of Christ, that Jesus will die for the sins of the world.

III. _____ the Gospel Globally (vs. 9)

- A. That the story of Mary will be shared all around the world, wherever the Gospel is shared, is a prophecy that is fulfilled today in the hearing of this sermon.
- B. Jesus makes it clear that the Gospel message will be shared with the whole world. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- C. Are you a part of the work of God in spreading the saving message of Jesus Christ throughout the entire world?