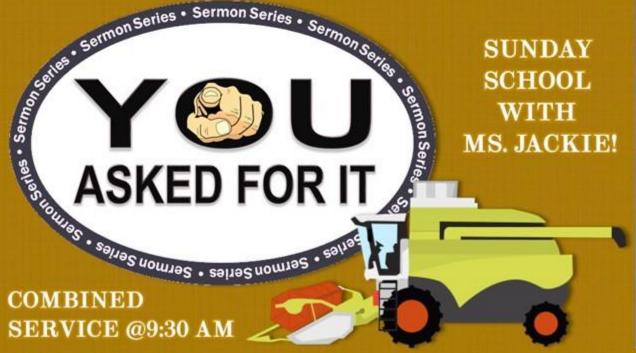
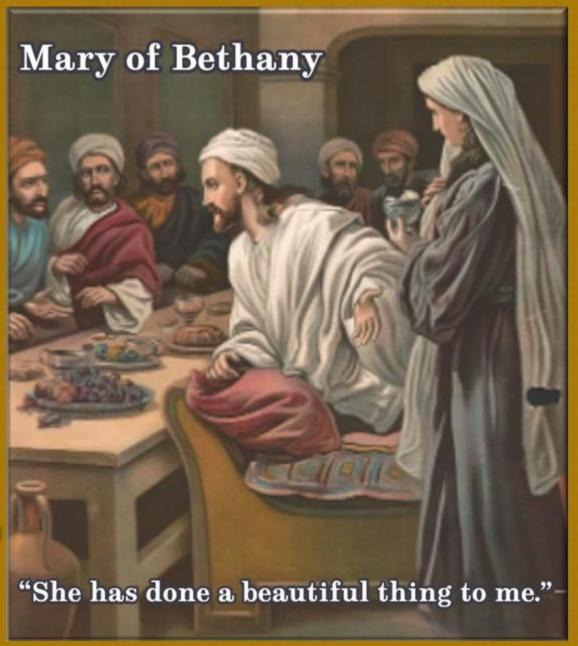
## **SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025**

Pastor David Rawley presents:

"The Wasted Perfume"
- BASED IN MARK 14-





Mark 14:1-11

JESUS: "Wherever the gospel story is told, this story will [should] also be told." i.e. What she has done should be coupled with what I have done.

What are the parallels that should tie these stories together?

• Extravagant love

• Costly love

• Public love

## "WHY THIS WASTE?"

JUDAS: Time, service, money, etc., given to God's kingdom is no measure of success, but rather of failure.

Delusion! Incompetence! Loss!

**OTHERS:** Success is measured by **numbers** and **achievements** rather than by affection, worship, or submission. Misguided! Unwise! Rash!

## **REPLY**

1. Worship, surrender, respect, devotion, etc. is **beautiful** to **God** (vs. 6)

2. Opportunity for service ("the poor") will always be available, yet this **should not compete** with our first priority, which is loving God with our heart [affection, will] (vs. 7)

3. Each person has limits (circumstance, resource, talent, etc.). God understands what you **cannot** do, but he also knows what **is possible** for you. God is honored when you do what YOU CAN. (vs.8)

God is PLEASED when someone gives their life to him with no reservations, i.e. pours out their love to him. If their highest goal is to please God and God is pleased by the offering of their life... How can such devotion be called "wasted?"

Those who scoff at the "high cost" of your perfume simply have a different goal and agenda for their life than you do. Pay no attention to their condescending attitude or snide remarks! When you pour your perfume upon Jesus, it is not wasted.

In God's world, for those who are truly in earnest, there is no failure. No work truly done, no word earnestly spoken, no sacrifice freely made, was ever in vain.

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