

The King and His Love - Let's Go

Mark 14:1-11

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The King's Love is:

I. Public.

Mark 14:1-3 – "It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, 'Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.' And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head."

John 12:3 – "Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

Matthew 6:1 – "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

John 10:38 – "...even though you do not believe me, believe the works I do, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

1 Corinthians 5:7 – "Cleanse out the old leaven...For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

John 12:42-43 (NLT) – "Many people did believe in Him...But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God."

Luke 12:8 (NLT) – "I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God's angels."

Matthew 10:32 – "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

Romans 10:9 (NLT) – "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

II. Criticized.

Mark 14:4-5 – "There were some who said to themselves indignantly, 'Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.' And they scolded her."

Galatians 1:10 – "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

III. Remembered.

Mark 14:6-9 – “But Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.’”

1 Peter 5:6 (NLT) – “Humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor.”

IV. Contrasted.

Mark 14:10-11 – “Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.”

V. Extravagant.

Psalm 5:7 (NASB) – “But as for me, by Your abundant (extravagant) lovingkindness I will enter Your house... I will bow in reverence for You.”

Growing Deeper This Week

1. What was the costliest offering you have ever made to Jesus?
2. What is the value of celebrating feasts and festivals? What are the most important celebrations for Christians?
3. What is the value of honoring Jesus in public? How do we avoid doing so with wrong motives?
4. Read Matthew 23:11-12. Discuss why this truth is important for us.
5. Mary did not care about social taboos or personal embarrassment when she worshiped Jesus. In what specific ways can we follow her example today?
6. Mary’s critics said that the value of her gift exceeded the limit of what should be wasted that day. How are you tempted to be like those critics?
7. How was Mary’s willingness to make a radical, extravagant sacrifice threatening to her critics?
8. What is the balance between practical, responsible stewardship and radical, extravagant giving?
9. In what way do you want to be more extravagant? (Encouragement, serving, giving, witnessing or other) Pray for one another and for someone to know Christ.