

THE EXTRAVAGANT WOMAN
A Message for Mother's Day
John 12:1-8; Matthew 26:6-13
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INTRODUCTION:

PROPOSITION: These passages reveal to us at least five characteristics of Mary's gift to Jesus, proving her to be, when it came to her Savior, an "extravagant woman."

I. MARY SHOWS US A WOMAN'S GIFT SHOULD BE A COURAGEOUS GIFT.

- A. Mary's Gift Violated Cultural Standards.
- B. Mary's Gift Validated Christ's Stature.

II. MARY SHOWS US A WOMAN'S GIFT SHOULD BE A COSTLY GIFT.
John 12:3; Matt. 26:7.

- A. Note the Myrrh of Mary's Giving. See Matt. 2:11.
- B. Note the Measure of Mary's Giving.
- C. Note the Method of Mary's Giving. Matt. 26:7.

III. MARY SHOWS US A WOMAN'S GIFT CAN BE A CRITICIZED GIFT.
John 2:4, 5; Matt. 26:8, 9.

- A. Consider the Source of the Criticism. John 12:4, 5.
- B. Consider the Sinfulness of the Criticizer.

IV. MARY SHOWS US A WOMAN'S GIFT SHOULD BE A COMMENDABLE GIFT.
John 12:7, 8; Matt. 26:10, 11.

- A. Mary's Gift Commended the Passing Presence of Christ. John 12:7.

B. Mary's Gift Commended the Perpetual Presence of the Poor. John 12:8.

V. MARY SHOWS US A WOMAN'S GIFT SHOULD BE A COURAGEOUS GIFT. Matt. 26:13.

A. See the Scope of Mary's Memorial.

B. See the Significance of Mary's Memorial.

APPLICATION: How can you live and give with extravagance?

1. Realize that Christ lives in you. Just as the alabaster vase contained that precious ointment, you hold something infinitely more valuable- Christ!
2. Be willing to "be broken." Share yourself with others.
3. Soar above mediocrity. How?
 - a. Have a vision. See the positive, not the negative. Look for God in every situation.
 - b. Have determination.
 - c. Dream a dream! Don't follow the crowd- see yourself the way God sees you; worth enough for Jesus to die for!
 - d. Enjoy your womanhood! Place motherhood at the top of your list of roles (the "hats" you wear).