

# Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## Sermon Questions

Date: *April 2, 2023* | Scripture: *Mark 14:1-11*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Try to put yourself in the shoes of the other disciples when this happened (and before Jesus says anything). How would you have reacted? Would you feel like what the woman did was wasteful or beautiful?
3. Did the sermon or further discussion of the passage change your perspective? How or how not?
4. Why did Mary (see John 12:3) pour out all of the nard?
5. What are the ways Jesus has shown us extravagant, costly love?
6. What are the ways you show Jesus extravagant, costly love? How do you show your love to Jesus in ways critics would call “wasteful”?

*Inward Grace in Action (continued on back)*

Until we pour our worship on Jesus, we will never pour ourselves out on others. Pastor Tim Keller puts it like this:

“Worship the wrong things and nothing else will come out quite right. But worship the living God who has given himself for us in the sacrifice of Jesus and you have a new sense of what matters and you will prioritize your life accordingly. Suddenly you find yourself “wasting” your life on Jesus by giving your life to his agenda rather than your own. That will include caring about justice for the poor.

“Contrary to what is sometimes assumed, Jesus is not minimizing our responsibility to the poor in this passage. He actually is quoting from Deuteronomy 15, which encourages radical generosity to the poor. However, such generosity flows from worshiping God. First things first! Put God ahead of all else as the only one worthy of your worship and you will find you are pouring yourself out in all sorts of beautiful ways in service to the world out that Why? Because it is an act of worship. And he knows that life begins with what you worship.”

### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 15:1-11
- Psalm 118
- Malachi 4:6-14
- Luke 10:38-42
- Romans 11:33-12:2
- Hebrews 13:1-16

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The fuller our view of worship is, the more opportunities we have to apply this passage in our lives. For example, the New Testament teaches that for Christians, acts of hospitality and charity are first and foremost acts of worship. Draw this out in your own lives.

- How can you be extravagant in worship?
- Do you view hospitality as worship? How might this passage change the way you show hospitality?
- Do you view charity as worship? How might this passage change the way you practice charity?

**ACTION:** Think of one way you can practice extravagant worship this week, whether it be with your time, money, service, body, or home. Whatever it may be, be sure to share the reason for your extravagance and give glory to God—this is an opportunity for you to tell people that Jesus is worth it!