

**Waste!**

**Mark 14:3-9**

*–Mary’s family was not wealthy...her life’s savings were contained in this box.*

*•In one instant, all she had was gone, poured over the Lord’s head and feet.*

*•Jesus said this extravagant act would accompany the preaching of the gospel.*

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**Waste!**

**What does it mean to “waste”?**

*–Waste means giving too much for too little.*

*•Waste means the object you’re wasting it on isn’t worth much.*

*–Jesus only demonstrated the love, grace, mercy and provision of God, by healing the sick, loosing the captive, feeding the hungry who were lost, and saving condemned, broken, demonized sinners bound for hell.*

*•Mary’s action was a response to the goodness, mercy and kindness of God...and, of course, it was a waste....*

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**Waste!**

**What does it mean to “waste”?**

*–Judas, who represents lost, and/or carnal/worldly folks in the church, immediately sees the waste – how much could have been done on behalf of people, although he really wanted for himself.*

*•The other disciples follow suit as they begin to take on the world’s opinion about ministry to Jesus.*

*•Such extravagant devotion to the Lord in heart and MONEY is a waste that would be better funneled somewhere else.*

*•To the world, and most of the church, extravagantly giving ourselves, our time, talents and money in worship and intercession to the Lord is a waste.*

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**Waste!**

**What does it mean to “waste”?**

– *The Lord answers this criticism that it’s not a question of who has been helped, but whether the Lord is satisfied.*

- *It’s not doing FOR Him, but ministering TO Him.*
- *The world, and much of the church, would say that real ministry is employing your gifts, talents and money to their limits, focused on human need.*

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**Waste!**

**Mark 16:1-2:** *“Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.”*

– *According to Hebrew tradition, this was something that MUST be done to prepare the body for burial and passing on.*

- **Did the ones who came to do this work succeed?**
- **WHO DID?**

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**Waste!**

**Mark 16:1-2**

– *Jesus said Mary, in her extravagant worship, gave her all, and, in her extravagant worship, set the work in motion in the power of the Spirit that would continue to effect everything AFTER the sacrificial worship took place!*

– *Everyone is wanting anointing from the Lord.*

- *Is it possible He is waiting on an “anointing of extravagant devotion” from a unified, corporate Bride that will set resurrection power in motion?*
- *We want anointing to minister to others, but what about pouring out our anointing upon Him that will release the “commanded blessing” of His manifest presence?*

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**Waste!**

**Waste** – pouring out everything on Jesus, with seemingly no visible return.

–Only a manifestation of His presence that will fill the room, and quite possibly, a whole region.

–Only resurrection life, and its concurrent effects that will release transformation.

–And most importantly, a satisfied Savior!

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