

Unreasonable Seasonal Giving
Mark 14:1-11

What is the most unreasonable gift you ever purchased? Who was it for? What did your purchase say about the receiver of your gift? What did it say about you? Will the gift you bring to the King this season be reasonable?

AN EXTRAVAGANT GIFT IS...

I. _____ as a _____ Expression of Worship.

II. _____ as an _____ Expression of Worship.

III. _____ as an _____ Clarification of Worship.

IV. _____ as a _____ Expression of Worship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read the parallel account to Sunday's passage in John 12:1-8. Identify the people who are there (see John 11:1-44 and Luke 10:38-42). What do you think motivated Mary's extravagant gift?
2. Do you think the disciples' reaction to the woman's gift to Jesus was reasonable? Why? Do you think it's possible to give too much to Jesus? See Luke 21:1-4.
3. Read John 12:6. What was really behind Judas' criticism of Mary's gift to Jesus? How does greed impact giving? Have you ever wrestled with this?
4. What conclusions can we draw from the fact that Jesus receives the woman's gift and defends her for giving it? What would Jesus say about your giving this season?



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WHAT CAN I BRING TO THE KING?



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AN EXTRAVAGANT GIFT IS...

I. Volunteered as a Radical
Expression of Worship.

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John 12

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him.

³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume...



The Hanging Gardens
Of Babylon



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AN EXTRAVAGANT GIFT IS...

II. Viewed as an Impractical
Expression of Worship.

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AN EXTRAVAGANT GIFT IS...

III. Valued as Insightful
Clarification of Worship.

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John 12

⁴But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected,

⁵“Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.”

⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

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AN EXTRAVAGANT GIFT IS...

IV. Validated as a Beautiful
Expression of Worship.

WHAT CAN I BRING TO THE KING?

“It’s all about money. All those guys who say they just want to make a difference in the world, that’s bull.”

**Paul Dinin, 24-years,
Interland Employee**

“What is the chief end of man? To get rich. In what way? Dishonestly if we can; honestly if we must. Who is God, the one and only true? Money is God. Gold and Green Backs and Stock— these are the father, son and ghosts of same, three persons in one; these are the true and only God, mighty and supreme.”

Mark Twain
Reflections

