

The Wasted Life Extravagant Love



Scripture

- **John 12:1-**

Jesus therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they made him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Jesus Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor people?” Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.”

Other Scriptures

- 2 Corinthians 4:16
- John 6:55-56
- I Corinthians 3:11-15
- Matthew 25:14-27
- Matthew 12:36
- Revelation 22:12
- 2 Chronicles 16:9

Main Points

- We all have the power to hold our tongues, and we all have the power to speak.
- God is going to hold us accountable for what we do.
- God has given everyone talents.
- You determine what you do with the talents God gave you.
- What’s important is not how many talents you’ve been given, but what you do with the talents you’ve been given.
- Why was Mary’s gift extravagant?
 - She gave because she wanted too.
 - She gave without regard to the cost.

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Questions for Discussion

1. What does God's Word have the power to supernaturally do in your life?
2. Rabbi emphasized that we have the power to love God by what we do? What did he mean by that? What did he mean that we are too relaxed about taking responsibility for our lives here in our words and actions?
3. What filled the house when Mary anointed Jesus with the perfume and how can our lives be that to the world around us? Whose work was remembered for all time...Mary or the greater share of the disciples?
4. Rabbi shared that "everyone wastes their lives on something. What will you waste yours on?" Why is this really the opposite of the title of this program? Have you recommitted yourself to do with the rest of your life? Why not today?