

## THE PASSION

### *How Do I Respond? Extravagant Love – part 1*

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**Text: John 12:1-11 (Mark 14:3-9)**

*“Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; She broke the jar (and) poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*

*<sup>4</sup> But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected, <sup>5</sup>“Why this waste of perfume? Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” <sup>6</sup> He 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.*

*<sup>7</sup> “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them any time you want, but you will not always have me. <sup>(9)</sup>I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”*

*<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup>for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in Him.”*  
(Compilation of John 12:1-11 & Mark 14:3-9).

When you have been genuinely touched by the love of God your eyes are fixed on Jesus and your life is radically changed. You evidence an EXTRAVAGANT LOVE like we saw with Mary in John’s gospel.

1. A GOD HONORING LIFE-OFFERING – IS

V \_\_\_\_\_ (Precious) TO US

– John 12:1-3

2. A GOD HONORING LIFE-OFFERING – IS

V \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS

– John 12:3

3. A GOD HONORING LIFE-OFFERING – CAN BE VERY

P \_\_\_\_\_ TO SOME

– John 12:4-6

4. A GOD HONORING LIFE-OFFERING – IS

V \_\_\_\_\_ TO CHRIST