

BE EXTRAVAGANT

TODAY'S TEXT: John 12:1-8

TODAY'S THEME: When Mary at Bethany anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume, it was a display of extravagant love for her Savior

It's okay to be...

I. EXTRAVAGANT IN OUR _____

- A. A "Mary Heart" Is _____
- > She had a lavish love for Jesus
 - Perfume worth 10-12 month's wages

> Typical of Mary's heart

- B. A "Judas Heart" Is _____
- > He was exceedingly selfish
 - His words seemed _____

- Judas had a "heart" problem
- Our hearts try to justify our actions

QUESTION → Jesus is challenging us to be extravagant in our generosity. Do you have a generous heart towards God?

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II. EXTRAVAGANT IN OUR _____

- A. A "Mary Attitude" Is _____
- > Her thanks was extravagant worship
 - She had much to be thankful for

QUESTION → Do we have anything to be thankful for?
> It's okay to be extravagant in our worship!

- B. A "Judas Attitude" Is _____
- > When we cannot be thankful we cannot worship
 - Judas was not grateful to Jesus
 - He seemed incapable of understanding true _____
 - Hebrews 12:28

QUESTION → How is your attitude of gratitude? Jesus is challenging us to be extravagant in our thankful worship.

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III. EXTRAVAGANT IN _____

- A. A "Mary Life" Is Full Of _____
- > She had experienced grace from God
 - Mary understood the importance of living graciously
- > Those saved by grace are the _____ of life
- 2 Corinthians 2:15-16

- B. A "Judas Life" Is Full Of _____
- > He was _____
 - Judas was quick to object to Mary's lavish display of love for Jesus
- > Bitterness is always a stark contrast to sweet anointing

QUESTION → Are you willing to go beyond your normal level of grace? Jesus is challenging us to be extravagant grace-givers!

CONCLUSION: "How much are you worth?"

LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS:

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- > What is one gift you have received that stands out in your memory?
- > If you had a year's wages to spend on your friends, which would you choose:
 - a) Big party for all?
 - b) Glorious trip with a few?
 - c) Extravagant gift for one?

READ John 12:1-8.

- > If you had been there, knowing the value of the perfume (v.5), how would you have reacted as you watched Mary? Why?
 - > How does Jesus interpret and justify Mary's action?
 - > If you had a year's salary or time to use for Christ, how would you use it? How is that reflected in your budget and priorities currently?
- Pastor Dairn's sermon was about having extravagant generosity, gratitude, and grace because of Jesus Christ.
 - > Think about and share how you can **give, worship, and forgive** extravagantly (more than you usually do) in the coming week.

PRAY for any needs in your group, and also for opportunities to show God how grateful you are for HIS extravagance in YOUR life.