

Palm Sunday
Extravagant Worship
Mark 14:1-11

Many of us grew up with older brothers or sisters. And because our lot in life was not that of a firstborn, we were often forced to make use of hand-me-downs. Sometimes in large families, the smallest and the slowest always get whatever is left over after the others have gotten their fill. When it comes to our worship, do we treat Jesus like a second-born? Does he get what is left, once we have had our fill?

1. Extravagant worship will be public.
2. Extravagant worship will be criticized.
3. Extravagant worship will be remembered.

As generous as we are, we will never out-give Jesus. Our generosity is simply a reflection of Jesus' generosity towards us. Jesus never regretted having His body broken and His blood poured out for us. Mary never regretted giving such an extravagant gift to her Savior, Jesus. We must surrender our lives to Jesus if we ever want to experience and offer this type of unadulterated, extravagant worship.

Reflection

We say often that we can tell a person's priorities by looking at their calendars and their checkbooks. We might say we love something or someone but where we spend our time and our money reveals what and who we actually love. Take some time to consider your worship practices, both private and corporate. Are there things in your schedule that should change in order for you to prioritize spending time with Jesus? If you love someone then you learn to love the things they love. We know that Christ loves His church. What needs to change (if anything), so that you not only want to be with Jesus, but you want to be with Jesus' people? How can you make room in your lifestyle choices or your standard of living so that your generosity becomes a reflection of Christ's generosity?