



## **I. AN EXTRAVAGANT GOD (See Romans 5:6-10)**

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20 (NCV)

## **II. AN EXTREME REJECTION OF THE EXTRVAGANT SAVIOR—JOHN 11:45-57**

Despite the amazing miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead...

1. Some people didn't believe (v.45-46)
2. The High Council and Pharisees panic (v.47-48)
3. The High Priest, Caiaphus, prophecies Jesus' death (v.49-52)
4. The leaders plot His murder (v.53-57)

## **III. AN EXTRAVAGANT LOVE FOR THE EXTRVAGANT SAVIOR—JOHN 12:1-8**

1. Mary's extravagant demonstration of devotion to Jesus (v.1-3)
2. The reaction of some of the other people there (v.4-6)
- 3 The response of Jesus (v.7-8)

- Was Jesus discounting my need to care for the poor?

Religion that God accepts as pure and without fault is this: caring for orphans or widows who need help...

James 1:27 (NCV)

- The perfume is symbolic of me, my life, and my resources

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

## **IV. WHAT I LEARN FROM MARY'S EXTRAVAGANT DEVOTION**

### **1. The “better thing” I can do is to stay focused on Jesus.**

The one thing I ask of the LORD—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in his Temple. For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.

Psalm 27:4-5 (NLT)

### **2. Service is not a substitute for listening to Christ.**

I can say this about them: They really try to follow God, but they do not know the right way. Because they did not know the way that God makes people right with him, they tried to make themselves right in their own way. So they did not accept God's way of making people right. Christ ended the law so that everyone who believes in him may be right with God.

Romans 10:2-4 (NCV)

### **3. Stop comparing and judging the way others serve the Lord.**

let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't. If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

Romans 12:6-8 (The Message)

### **4. God deserves extravagant demonstrations of my love.**

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NLT)

### **5. I must decide how I want to be remembered.**

She did what she could when she could—she pre-anointed my body for burial. And you can be sure that wherever in the whole world the Message is preached, what she just did is going to be talked about admiringly.”

Mark 14:8 (The Message)