

THE MARKS OF MOUNT CALVARY



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MARY'S EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP IN BETHANY

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — “*to obey is better than sacrifice*” (1 Samuel 15:22)

Q: What should our response be to Christ’s *exhaustive surrender* on our behalf?

Q: How should we respond to Christ’s *extreme suffering* for our sin?

Q: What should our lives be marked by considering Christ’s *extravagant sacrifice* in our place?

Should it not stir us to worship? Should it not move us to humbly offer our lives as a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of **God**, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto **God**, *which is your reasonable service.*

The *marks of Mount Calvary* describe for us the “*mercies of God.*” They describe the love of God in action. They describe our unworthiness and Christ’s great worth.

Based upon all that Christ has done for each of us—based upon His abundant mercies—is not **He worthy of our most valuable sacrifice?**

I. The Setting—Jesus Returns (v. 1-2)

On His return to Bethany, The Lord approaches Jerusalem from Jericho (Luke 19:1-10) where He had spent time with Zacchaeus (Luke 19:11-27). He then enters Jerusalem and cleanses the temple (Matthew 21:1-16) and later that day He arrives in Bethany.

“There they made Him a supper; and Martha served:...” – The actual home that this takes place in appears to be the “*house of Simon the leper*” (Matthew 26:6; Mark 14:3).

II. Mary’s _____ Worship (v. 3)

A. Extravagant worship is very _____

Consider David’s view of worship (2 Samuel 24:21-24).

To *sacrifice* something is **suffer the loss** of something of **value**.

Worship that costs nothing is worth nothing to God.

Q: Are you coming before God in worship on your terms or His?

B. Extravagant worship is done in _____

1. The _____ of worship

2. The _____ of worship

C. Extravagant worship is a _____

Mark 14:9 “Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, *this* also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial [*reminder*] of her.”

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of **God**, that **He** may exalt you in due time:

John Phillips – Genuine worship never counts the cost. It is not intimidated by the stares and snares of carnal minds. It has thought only for Christ. It leaves behind a fragrance none can mistake or avoid. A little of that fragrance is carried away by everyone.

III. Judas’ _____-Worship (v. 4-6)


IV. The _____ Response—Jesus Approves (v. 7-8)

Mark 14:6-9 And **Jesus** said, “Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on **Me**.⁷ For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.⁸ She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint **My** body to the burying.⁹ Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, *this* also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.”

The beauty of sitting at the feet of Jesus with a heart of humility is that you take in what Jesus says and in turn respond in extravagant worship.

Conclusion: Mary represents *sacrificial worship* while Judas represents *self-worship*. **What kind of worship are you offering?**

What is my next step?

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