

Mark 14: Mary's Worship

(John 12:1–8; Luke 10:38–42; John 11)

Mary is consistently found at Jesus' feet:

- **Learning** — Luke 10:39
- **Grieving / trusting** — John 11:32
- **Worshipping** — John 12:3

Lessons from Her Worship

1. True worship is often misunderstood

(Mark 14:4–5; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

Extravagant devotion may be criticized:

- “Why so much?”
- “Why such intensity?”
- “Why such sacrifice?”

2. Worship is never wasted

(Mark 14:6; Hebrews 6:10; Psalm 84:10)

Judas called it waste. Jesus called it beautiful.

3. Worship involves costly surrender

(2 Samuel 24:24; Romans 12:1)

Mary gave what was precious.

4. Worship often flows from brokenness

(Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15)

The jar was broken before the fragrance was released.

5. Worship produces spiritual fragrance

(John 12:3; 2 Corinthians 2:14–15)

What fills your life eventually affects others.

Application

- What is most costly to me?
- What competes with wholehearted worship?
- Am I more like Mary, or the critics?

Reflection Questions

1. Why does extravagant worship make some uncomfortable?
 2. What would “costly worship” look like in my life?
 3. What fragrance does my life leave behind?
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