

LOVING JESUS
MARK 14:3-9 / MAY 31, 2017 / WED

I. FIRST, LOVING JESUS IS EXPRESSED.

- A. It's true that love should be verbalized.
- B. Love, however, isn't just something we say, it's something we do.
 - 1. In our text we meet a woman who had no trouble expressing her love for Jesus.
 - 2. In what ways do we demonstrate our love for Jesus?
- C. What was the setting for this woman's extravagant expression of love?
 - 1. They were in Bethany, the place Jesus spent each night during his final week or "passion" week--14:3.
 - 2. When was this dinner held?
 - a. Mark says it was two days before Passover in verse 1--14:1a.
 - b. John's account of this same event says this dinner took place six days before Passover--John 12:1a.
 - 3. Who was this woman that anointed Jesus?
 - a. She was not the same woman mentioned in Luke 7:36-50.
 - b. Although Mark doesn't identify who this woman that anointed Jesus is, John did--John 11:2 and 12:2-3.
 - 4. What was the perfume Mary anointed Jesus with?--14:3b.
 - 5. Why did Mary anoint Jesus?

II. SECOND, LOVING JESUS WAS EXAMINED.

- A. Are there any right ways or wrongs ways to express our love for Jesus?
- B. Some of those dining with Jesus responded negatively to Mary's demonstration--14:4.
 - 1. Although Mark doesn't identify who this "conscientious objectors" were, Matthew does--Matt. 26:8.
 - 2. John adds that it was Judas who spoke up and he also tells us why?--John 12:4-6.

C. They thought this extravagance was a waste of money--14:5.

III. THIRD, LOVING JESUS IS EXTOLLED.

A. Mary may have displeased these disciples, but she pleased Jesus--14:6 and 9 and Gal. 1:10.

B. Jesus wasn't predicting that poverty was a never ending problem or that he wasn't concerned about the poor--14:7.

C. Instead, Jesus was making yet another prediction of his death--14:8.