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.