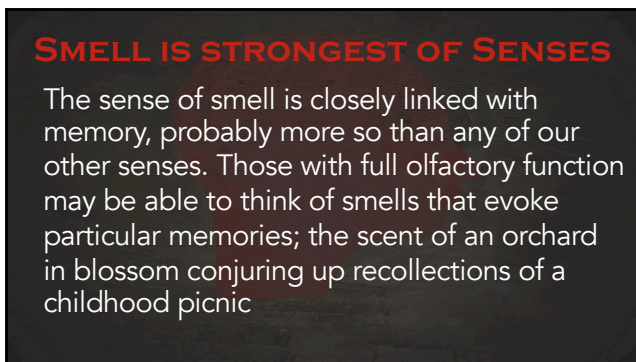




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MARK 14:3-9

3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.

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MARK 14:3-9

4 There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her.

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MARK 14:3-9

6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me.

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MARK 14:3-9

8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.
 9 And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

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OBSERVATIONS

	Description
Bethany	House of Figs (or House of Affliction)
Simon	Leper who Jesus likely healed
Mary	"wished for child" or rebellious
Siblings	Lazarus and Martha

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FAITH WORSHIPS

1. Fragrance of worship grabs attention

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GRABS ATTENTION

- 1. Dinner guests
- 2. Jesus
- 3. Future gospel readers

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FRAGRANCE OF WORSHIP

There is a fragrance of being with those who worship Jesus.

-Bob Sorge

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2 CORINTHIANS 2: 15 NLT

Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing.

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ESSENCE OF WORSHIP

We can now say that the inner essence of [worship] is cherishing Christ as gain, indeed as more gain than all that life can offer --- family, career, retirement, fame, food, friends.

John Piper

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FAITH WORSHIPS

1. Fragrance of worship grabs attention
2. There is a risk to true worship

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RISKS OF WORSHIP

- 1. Unexpected gift
- 2. Public gift
- 3. Pervasive Gift (affected everyone)
- 4. Costly gift

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COSTLY

Denarius is a days wage for a laborer
Mt 20:2, Jn 12:5

$\$15/\text{hr} \times 8 \text{ hr}/\text{day} \times 300 \text{ days} = \$36,000$

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RISKS OF WORSHIP

Item	Description
Position	Sitting at Jesus feet like a disciple
Heart to Hear	chose "the better part," that of listening
Ignore the Criticisms	Grumblings of those who don't understand the priority of worship

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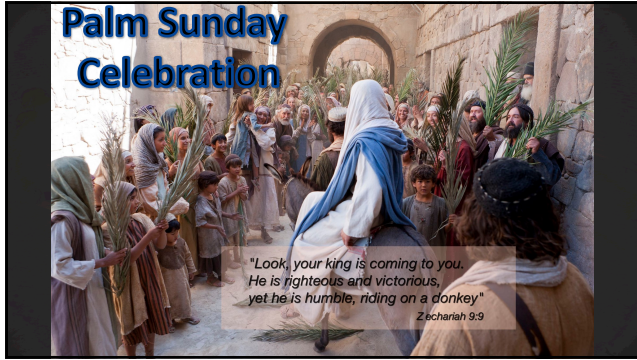
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