

Big idea: Worship is the act of ascribing great value & worth to someone (or something) in a way that involves your whole person.

I. Quick review - the context...

- A. Jesus' public ministry has ENDED
- B. This event is in all the GOSPELS
- C. The contrast to the EXPEDIENCY of Caiaphas is clear

II. An extravagant act of worship...

- A. The SETTING vs. 1-2
 - 1. Most MOMENTOUS week in history
 - 2. Back in BETHANY
 - 3. One week before the final PASSOVER
 - 4. It's a RESURRECTION celebration
- B. The ANNOINTING v. 3
 - 1. The EXPENSE
 - ORIGIN
 - QUANTITY
 - PURITY

2. The ACT

- The actions of a SERVANT

- The actions of a WORSHIPPER
 - WHAT Mary knew

 - HOW Mary knew

C. The OBJECTION vs. 4-6

1. His WORDS

2. His CHARACTER

D. The REBUKE vs. 7-8

1. The PICTURE

2. The PARALLELS

III. What we take away...

Let's be extravagant in our love for Jesus. Give generously. Serve sacrificially. Love unconditionally. Forgive freely. Welcome the least and the lost. Let's be the fragrance of Christ.