

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD

JOHN 12:1-13; MARK 14:1-9

Text:

Introduction:

There is a beautiful story here, a story so important that it is found in three of the Gospels.

A story that Jesus said would be told and remembered throughout history.

Note:

1. THE CELEBRATION (VS. 2)

John 12:2

² There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

A. They were happy to have Lazarus back.

B. They were honored to have the Lord as their guest.

2. THE CONSECRATION (VS. 3)

John 12:3

³ Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

Her attention was not on Lazarus or Martha, but was on the Lord.

A. Reverence

Anointed the feet of Jesus with the ointment

Then wiped his feet with her hair

B. Reward

This act of consecration resulted filling the house with the odor of the ointment.

The results of spending time with and giving our best to the Saviour will be a sweet smelling savor that will be a blessing to most people.

3. THE CRITICISM (VS. 4-6)

John 12:4-6

⁴ Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, ⁵ Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

A. Response – Why

There will always be those who will ask why and question the motive and deeds of the devoted.

By the way this attitude is contagious, be careful who it is you spend time with and listen to.

Note: Mark 14:5

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⁵ For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

Not just Judas but “They” He influenced others to be critical.

B. Recommendation – Sold and given to the poor

Often those who are asking questions only want to make recommendations without doing anything themselves.

C. Revelation – Not that he cared for the poor

4. THE CONDEMNATION

John 12:7

⁷ Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

Mark 14:6-7

⁶ And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. ⁷ For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

A. Recognized Her

She wrought a good work

She hath done what she could

B. Rewarded Her

Where ever the Gospel is preached throughout the whole world this that she has done will be spoken of.

5. THE CURIOUS (VS. 9)

John 12:9

⁹ Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

A. When that Lord begins to move people will want to know what is going on.

6. CONVICTED (VSS. 10-11)

John 12:10-11

¹⁰ But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; ¹¹ Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

A. Often when the Lord begins to work some will be convicted.

Close:

Lessons

The very best place that we can be is at the feet of the Saviour.

The greatest thing that we can do is give the Saviour the best that we have.

The reward is not only enjoyed by the one who offers their best but also the odor is enjoyed by others.

Don't allow the critic to discourage you.

Be careful who you spend time with and listen to, it easy to be influenced by the critical.

The Lord always rewards those who do what they can.