

**“Sweet Devotion”**  
(Mark 14:3-9)

**Big Idea:** A grateful heart inspires a life of worship.

*And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper as he was reclining at table, a woman* Mark 14:3a ESV

*came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly year’s salary, and she **g** broke the flask and poured it over his head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.”* Mark 14:3b-5 ESV

*And they scolded her.*

*<sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.* Mark 14:6-8 ESV

*<sup>9</sup> 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.”* Mark 14:9 ESV

Mary’s sweet act of devotion was

**Costly**

**Humbling**

**Pleasing**

**An expression of gratitude**

**It pointed to the cross**

*But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8 AMP*

## **Application**

### **How grateful are we to Jesus for what he has done for us?**

*<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, <sup>14</sup> who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. Col 1:13-14 NLT (picture of 2 fields)*

*<sup>1</sup> This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Col 1:21-22 NLT*

*Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. Eph. 2:1-3 NLT.*

### **How can we express our gratitude to Him?**

Express our gratitude

Worship Him

Give what is most precious to us

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*What is one step you can take this week to express your gratitude to Jesus for His incredible sacrifice?*