

Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)

Sermon: Expensive Church Buildings Are Great!

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Bible Verses: Mark 14:1-11

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Big Question: Do we honor God the best with _____ and extravagant gifts, or practical obedience and _____?

In Mark 14 the Jewish leaders were continuing their plot to _____ Jesus.

Mary did not limit her praise to a few "appropriate" _____ of perfume. She *broke the jar open* and poured the _____ over Jesus' head literally showering him in praise.

People present were indignant (_____ / _____) that so much was "wasted".

People had great reasoning why honoring Jesus like this _____: we could've _____!

The Bible gives **COMMANDS AND** _____ about how to worship God.

People have _____ about how to worship God.

People can come up with great _____ to enforce their principles, but those aren't the same as God's commands and principles so I must be careful here not to make my principle the priority.

Jesus corrects people's preference: "**She has done a _____ thing...**" he says.

Jesus says honoring him was _____ honoring the poor. In principle, Jesus makes it clear that a Christian's life and the Church's mission is not primarily to help the poor or do social projects. It is to elevate, proclaim, and _____.

Judas hadn't yet _____ Jesus, but this honor put him over the edge. _____.

Practical Applications:

Good critiques of a Church: _____, motives, moral integrity, power and _____ issues.

Not good critiques of a Church: _____/style, stage design, taste in preaching, clothing, strategies, or _____ imperfections.

VERY bad reasons to critique a Church: using a " _____ " to cover up my own angry heart (i.e., Judas says "she should've used the perform to help the poor", reducing everything to "efficiency matters the most", or missing Jesus while poking at details.

Jesus truly deserves ALL the honor. Do I have an attitude " _____ " worship or a stingy attitude towards _____ Christ?