QUESTIONS

FOR PERSONAL GROWTH OR DISCUSSION

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1 Were there any surprises for you in John's message about time this week?

2 Read Mark 14:3-9, and discuss these questions:

A Verse 3 makes it clear that the jar of perfume was very expensive, so much that some of those present considered the act to be wasteful.

1. What are some of the good things that we do with our time that might seem wasteful to others?

2. How might you respond if someone told you that you were wasting your time on those things?

B John 12 identifies the woman as Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, and the main complainer as Judas. What do we know about each of them that would impact how they acted on that day?

C Verse 4 says that some witnesses to the anointing "rebuked her harshley." She didn't respond, because Jesus stepped in. If you were her, how do you think you would have responded? How do you WISH you would have responded?

D In His defense of her, Jesus said “She did what she could.” This seems to indicate that Jesus isn’t asking more from us than is possible, but He is honored when we do for Him what we can.

1. How do you respond to that idea?

2. What are some of the things that you can do for Him, which may seem small if you compare them to others, but now realize that they matter to Jesus?

3. Pick one of those things, and describe how you plan to do it more often this week.

E Jesus predicted in verse 9 that the story of what Mary did would be told “wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world,” in memory of her. We are obviously fulfilling that prophecy today.

1. Based on this account, what words would you use to describe Mary?

2. Which of those qualities would you be most eager to see grow in your own life?