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I assure you: Wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told *in memory of her.* - Mark 14:9, HCSB (italics added for emphasis)



**This Unnamed Woman's Deed
Reveals Certain Qualities
All Should Emulate:**

1. An Extravagant Love for Christ.

Mark 14:3–5, HCSB -³ While He was in Bethany at the house of Simon who had a serious skin disease, as He was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of pure and expensive fragrant oil of nard. She broke the jar and poured it on His head. ⁴ But some were expressing indignation to one another: "Why has this fragrant oil been wasted? ⁵ For this oil might have been sold for more than 300 denarii and given to the poor." And they began to scold her.

Mark 14:5, TLB -⁴ Some of those at the table were indignant among themselves about this "waste," as they called it. "Why, she could have sold that perfume for a fortune and given the money to the poor!" they snarled.

2. An Exemplary Service unto Christ.

Mark 14:6, HCSB -⁶ Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a noble thing for Me."

Mark 14:6, NCV -⁶ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you troubling her? She did an excellent thing for me."

3. An Expectant Faith in Christ.

Mark 14:7–8, HCSB -⁷ You always have the poor with you, and you can do what is good for them whenever you want, but you do not always have Me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed My body in advance for burial.

The Context for This Story:

- A. Maybe, this lady was with Jesus and the disciples when they traveled from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem (Mark 15:40-41).**
- B. Jesus used two examples:**
 - The picture of a humble child (Mark 9:35-37).
 - The picture of a humble servant (Mark 10:43-35).
- C. There are three previous "reactions" to His predictions about His death in Jerusalem.**
 - Mark 8:31-34 – Peter didn't get it.
 - Mark 9:30-32 – The disciples didn't get it.
 - Mark 10:32-34 – James and John didn't get it.
- D. *The unnamed woman got it!***

Mark 14:8–9, HCSB -⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed My body in advance for burial. ⁹ I assure you: Wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her."



What do your actions say about your love, service and faith in Christ?

