

## **I. Synopsis**

During this three part series, we will encounter various individuals in Gospels whose hearts were full of joy for Jesus and witness their generosity. We will see how their spirit of generosity impacted their lives. This particular passage, there is a contrast between the woman who gave extravagantly and one who betrayed Jesus.

## **II. Ice Breaker Question**

What is the most extravagant gift you have ever received? Can you recall how you felt upon receiving the gift? How do you suppose the person who gave the gift felt as you received it?

## **III. Scripture: Mark 14:1-11(ESV)**

## **IV. Discussion Questions**

1. The alabaster jar of perfume is considered the woman's dowry. As she gives this gift to Jesus, she gives away her opportunity to marry. Why do you suppose that she gives this extravagant gift to Jesus? How do you think she felt in giving the gift? What does this tell you about her heart?
2. Some attending the dinner party "rebuked her harshly" (vs. 5) for this extravagant gift. Why do you think they responded in such a fashion? If you were one of Simon's invited guests, discuss how would you have responded to the woman's extravagant gift to Jesus?
3. Judas is one of Jesus' 12 disciples who traveled and lived with Him for three years. Why do you suppose that Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty silver coins? What does this tell you about his heart?
4. How does Jesus react to the woman's extravagant gift? What does Jesus mean when He states, "The poor you will always have with you and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me" (vs.). How does this statement challenge your thoughts regarding generosity?