



Key References:

Colossians 3:15–17 (ESV)

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Mark 14:3–9 (ESV)

³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “**Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.** ⁷ 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. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ 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.”

1 – Thankful

Read Colossians 3:15-17. **How does the “peace of Christ rul[ing] in your hearts” produce thankfulness? As Canada celebrated Thanksgiving this week how do we show our thankfulness as Christians?**

What is the difference between being thankful for something and being devoted to something?

2 – A display of devotion

Read Mark 14:3-9. **What stands out to you the most about this story? Why was the display by the woman so dramatic?**

John 12:1-3 tells us who was at the dinner. Jesus’ disciples had seen Jesus perform many miracles and Lazarus would have been especially thankful for him, yet the feeling in the room what that this was a waste of money. **What did they miss that the woman didn’t?**

On Sunday Rus said: “*We can miss out on being devoted to Jesus, even in the midst of doing stuff for him in faith.*” **Why is it possible to witness Jesus working in and around us yet miss his true value? How do we stay devoted to Christ in the mist of doing things for him?**

3 – True value

Read Luke 7:36-50. **What does Luke reveal that the others gospels didn’t about why this woman was so overcome with Jesus?**

Is there be a correlation between sin & forgiveness and our value of Jesus? Is it possible for someone who has been forgiven of less to value Jesus as much as someone who has been forgiven of more sin?

Rus said: “*We should be contemplating our value system... We can be doing things for Jesus but have not set him in the highest place as the object of highest value. True devotion to Christ is not measure by what we do for him but by how much we value him.*” **How does this quote challenge and speak to you?**

How can we change our value system to reflect Jesus not just as our savior but as our Lord? John 12:3 says that the whole house was filled with the fragrance. **What is the fragrance of people devoted and in love with Jesus?**