

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-21 & Mark 14:1-11
Singing: 350 – 123:1 – 400:1-3, 6-7 – 311:1, 4, 5 – 125:1-2

Intro: A memorial before God (Acts 10:4) and before men (Mark 14:9)

MARY'S LOVING GIFT TO JESUS

I. Mary touched Jesus with her loving honour

II. Through Mary, the Father anointed Jesus with His honourable love

I. Mary's loving gift deeply touched Jesus with a loving honour

A. The setting: *dark clouds are packing up around Jesus* (Mark 14:1-2; John 11:56-57)

B. Yet His Father is caring for Him: *He uses people as His hands to comfort* (2 Cor. 7:6)

C. Jesus calls us *never to forget Mary's deed of loving honour* (Mark 14:9)

1. Why: *because nothing is so important as to love the Lord Jesus Christ*

2. How did Mary begin to love Jesus: *God touched her heart first* (1 John 4:17)

a. what happens when God touches your heart with His love?

- you feel pain – shame – guilt

- you feel strangely and wonderfully drawn to Him

- you will always want more of Him

- you will find a growing flame of love kindling actions of love

3. Mary's memorable action of loving honour: Mark 14:3; John 12:3

a. her unusual idea

b. her astonishing deeds

c. her unmistakable message

4. Mary's memorial means more than 'never forget'

C. Her actions made Jesus stand up to defend her: Mark 4-6

1. The glaring eyes and grumbling words against her hurt Mary deeply (vs. 6)

2. But they did not only hurt Mary (vs. 7)

II. Through Mary, the Father anointed Jesus with His honourable love

A. Jesus saw another hand behind in Mary's hands (vs. 8)

B. As He defended Mary's action, Jesus dropped us a direction: vs. 7

1. There are other feet – heads – hearts that need *our charity* today

2. When we touch a neighbour, we may be touching Jesus

a. He feels every loving touch of 'His body' (Matt. 25:31-46)

b. He feels every hating or hurting touch of Himself as well (Acts 9:4)

Personal Take-away: What is the Lord Jesus now really worth to you?

A. How can we show Him our loving honour today?

B. But how do I know that my neighbour is one of the Lord's body (people)?