

## Alabaster Box

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Revelation is essential to the body of Christ. Without revelation we would be forced to function in our own know-how. But revelation must be met with a sense of spiritual value or it falls unrealized into the earth. We must act on it or we lose it.

### Mark 14:3-9

The value of the alabaster becomes the topic in this story as it relates to the preparation of Jesus' death.

Mary comes into a room full of men and anoints Jesus with her life savings. Then the disciples say **"WOW! What a waste, we could have used that for something important."**

One person's waste is another person's worship.

The disciple's statement says, **"It no longer has any value."**

Once you pour it out you can't retrieve it, you lose control over it and it becomes useless.

Jesus says, **"It was an act of worship and dedication to the purpose for which I came."**

Jesus was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world, for me!

When I sacrifice my own it becomes a greater part of my future than if I would have saved it for my own personal purpose.

They understood the cost of Spikenard, she understood the value of the relationship she was being given and offered her natural life to Him.

Jesus was precious to his disciples – **"precious"** of great price, very valuable

Jesus was priceless to Mary – **"priceless"** Invaluable, too valuable to admit a price

- ❖ What we lose for his sake is eternally saved – what we save for our own purposes are eternally lost.

Is Jesus precious to you? Or is He priceless? The answer has a definite bearing on your spiritual future.

### Modern Illustration

This illustration today would be something like this: You hear of Jesus' presence in your neighborhood and want to bless him before he dies for you. Instead of alabaster you use ash, so you run home, get everybody out of the house, and set it on fire. When it burns completely you gather the ash, bow and sprinkle it on Jesus.

Your family and friends say "are you crazy?!" Now what are you going to do? But your only thought, your only purpose in having anything of value is to use it for the one who values you.

So many are distracted earning treasures that they forget the one who treasures them.

***Let's pour out our best on the one who is priceless.***