

Small Group Study Notes

Mark 14:1-11

1. If you were going to spend \$50,000 on a gift what would you buy and who would you give it to?
2. Mary's gift was reckless. How reckless should we be in our giving?
3. Mary's adoration of Jesus was a direct product of what she "knew" of Jesus' love. So to increase our love for Jesus we need to increase our knowledge of Jesus' love. But how do we do that?
4. Acts of charity and acts of love are quite different. Into what bracket does our giving each Sunday fall?
5. The twelve were very keen to decide how Mary should or should not give her own money. How great is the danger that we will fall into the same trap concerning how others give?
6. "Only those who know Jesus can understand Mary's actions". Why is this so?
7. Holiness and wickedness are opposites. In what ways was Mary's action a reflection of holiness and in what ways was Judas' action a reflection of wickedness?
8. Judas was acting so that he would have a bit more money tomorrow. Mary so acted that she set herself up for a very insecure tomorrow. What lay behind Mary's thinking and what lay behind Judas' thinking?