



### ***“The Metrics of Jesus”***

Mark 14:1-11 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** –*While Jesus is enjoying dinner with some friends, another controversy erupts after an unnamed woman suddenly comes in and anoints Jesus with a precious oil.*

#### ***I. The Metrics of Judas.***

- A. This is a story of contrasts between the “insiders” and the “outsiders.”
- B. We see the Metrics of Judas at both ends of the passage.
  - 1. The Chief Priests (v.1-2)
  - 2. The Chief Priests and Judas (v.10-11)
- C. Judas chooses to betray Jesus.
  - 1. The prophecies predicted his betrayal.
  - 2. There is a hint that Satan is behind Judas’ actions.
  - 3. Why would Judas do this?
- D. Judas’ act was probably triggered by what happened at the dinner party when the woman anointed Jesus with the precious oil.
  - 1. Judas was a Pharisee.

- 2. Judas was given control over their money.
- 3. Judas was a thief.
- E. Judas was using the metrics that most people use – cost-benefit-to me basis.
  - 1. What do you consider wasted?
  - 2. Judas thought the ointment was wasted.
  - 3. What was Jesus’ worth to Judas?

#### ***II. The Metrics of the Woman.***

- A. What was Jesus’ worth to the woman?
- B. She anointed Jesus with a very expensive oil.
- C. The ointment of pure nard in a sealed alabaster flask was worth a year’s wages, and was probably a family heirloom – her inheritance.
- D. When you understand how beautiful Jesus is, it changes you.
  - 1. People and relationships.
  - 2. Work.
  - 3. Money and possessions

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### *III. The Metrics of Jesus.*

- A. Whatever is given to Jesus is never a waste.
  
- B. Jesus defends and commends what she did.
  
- C. Jesus calls what she did “a beautiful thing.”
  
- D. He also said that “she did what she could.”
  
- E. The woman’s beautiful act prepares us for the Gospel.

### *Conclusion*