

## **Sermon Based Discussion**

**Sermon Title: The Anointing of the King**

**Sermon Series: The Kind of King Christ Is**

**Sermon Texts: Matthew 26:6-13**

### **OPENING QUESTION**

1. What are some of the greatest acts of devotion you've seen people offer up? (Perhaps such acts were devotion to a person, or a cause, or being fans to a certain band, team, hobby, computer brand, etc.)
2. What do you think of when you hear the words "devoted volunteer" or "devoted employee" or "devoted parent" or "devoted spouse." Describe these people.

### **INTO THE BIBLE**

**Read Matthew 26:6-13**

3. Why were the disciples indignant towards the woman?
4. Can you relate to the disciples' response to the woman's act? If you were there, how would you have viewed this extravagant act?
5. Based upon his response, how did Jesus view this act?
  - Was it perhaps excessive or not?
  - Was the woman right in doing this or not?
6. How should we take Jesus' words about the poor? (Cf. Deuteronomy 15:11)

### **GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)**

7. Do you know of Christians who have made choices that come close to this kind of excessive devotion? Is that good or not good if you have or have not?
8. In the sermon we considered the difference between religion and the gospel. Religion is "I'm devoted to God, so I hope He's devoted to me." The gospel is "God has already shown ultimate devotion to me in Jesus, and enables me to be devoted to him." How important is this difference and why?
9. Based upon your acts that are costly or excessive, what are you devoted to? What are you *not* devoted to?
10. If you're a Christian, is there some choice you're facing in which you have been held back too much by fear of excess devotion? Will you share that with other Christians and pray together to see if you should go ahead with it?

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9a, NIV)*