



## Having Eyes to Serve

Mark 14:1-9

Many have a heart that is willing to serve, but what they lack are the eyes that see the opportunities around them. When asked, they will do what needs to be done. But unless they are asked, they do not have the initiative to serve. And because of this, opportunities are often missed.

- John 4:35 "...behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look upon the fields, that they are white for harvest."
- Gal 6:10 "So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good for all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith"
  - opportunities do not last \_\_\_\_\_:
  - opportunities don't come \_\_\_\_\_ for us:
  - opportunities do not come at \_\_\_\_\_ times for us:

### A. The Anointing of Jesus (Mark 14:1-9)

1. This takes place in Bethany, Simon's home  
Martha is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary comes with costly perfume

This perfume was worth a year's income (14:5)

- It was likely being saved for a very special occasion
- It would have taken a long time to acquire this
- She understood that Jesus was soon to die (14:8,1)

2. The impression is that she used \_\_\_\_\_ of this perfume  
This was a major \_\_\_\_\_
3. No one \_\_\_\_\_ her to do this and no one else was \_\_\_\_\_ this



### B. As the air was filled with the fragrance of the perfume, She was sharply \_\_\_\_\_ publicly for what she did (14:4)

1. Jesus told the disciples:
  - (a) what she did was \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) what she did will be told the \_\_\_\_\_ over

### C. Four Lessons come out of this:

1. Mary did what she \_\_\_\_\_ (14:8)

What did she not do?

By focusing upon what we cannot do, what happens?

2. Some, even those close to Jesus, may not agree nor \_\_\_\_\_ what you do
  - if Mary had to have the approval of others, she would not have anointed Jesus
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ what we do (Mt 10:42)
4. Mary saw an \_\_\_\_\_ to honor Jesus. She acted on her own.
  - She didn't ask anyone to bring their perfume. She did not \_\_\_\_\_ others for not doing the same.

How do we develop open eyes?