



## desert breeze community church

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### Jesusology

Mark 14:1-11

#### “Crazy Love – Scandalous Faith”

“It’s crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe – the creator of nitrogen, and pine needles, galaxies and pizza – loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. What is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. The answer to religious complacency isn’t working harder at a list of do’s and don’ts – it’s falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, you will never be the same. Because when you are wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.” – Francis Chan (Crazy Love)

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

#### CRAZY LOVE AND SCANDALOUS FAITH IS...

Mark 14:1-11

◆ A **faith** that is **focused on Christ**.  
(Hebrews 11:6, John 14:9)

☑ True faith comes to Jesus expecting to be **satisfied**.

#### Scandalous Faith:

##### **Starts** with **belief**.

Faith requires belief in the truth that Jesus is who He said He is, that the Bible is true, and that Christ is the only way to salvation.

##### **Moves forward** with **trust**.

You have enough confidence in God to give Him ownership of your life. You are certain His plan for you is better than your plan for yourself, and you are willing to build your life on this trust.

#### **Results** in **Worship**.

A sure sign of scandalous faith is a desire to worship God. This type of worship rises naturally from an appreciation for the gift of salvation at the great cost of the sacrificial death of Jesus.

◆ A **Love** that **worships scandalously**...  
(vs 6, Psalm 96:9, John 9:38)

Worshipping God involves **sacrifice**. (Whole-hearted worship Demands everything we have, and everything we are).

How should I respond to Him in worship?  
With **powerful devotion**.

◆ A **heart** that **seeks a Savior**.  
(vs 8,9 Psalm 25:5, Isaiah 43:11)

- ☑ Jesus is not primarily a **teacher** – because our primary problem is not ignorance. It’s not lack of knowledge.
- ☑ Jesus is not primarily a **healer** – because our primary problem is not an illness.
- ☑ Jesus is not primarily a **therapist** – because our primary problem is not deep psychological need.

He is a **Savior** – because our primary problem is **SIN**.

How do we worship God? Is your worship scandalous? Are we worshipping God just like this woman? Have you even done anything extravagant for Jesus? Have you even been so bold with love that others have ridiculed you? Have you ever done anything so scandalous for Jesus that other people thought you were foolish?

How should I respond to Him in worship?

With a faith that is focused on Christ.  
With a love that is scandalous.  
With a heart that seeks a Savior.



# Growing

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- 1) The Passover was a time of remembrance, of God's provision for salvation during the Egyptian enslavement. Why is it that the religious leaders had such a hard time looking to Jesus as God's salvation? (Luke 19:9; Luke 4:18-19; 28-30)
  
- 2) Culturally speaking, what was so scandalous about the woman's actions? (Read Matthew 25:45; John 4:27) How are Jesus' actions throughout the gospels just as scandalous? Why did this woman approach Jesus and anoint him at the risk of ridicule and abuse by others? Her action was motivated by one thing... In contrast what was Judas' motivation? What is yours?
  
- 3) Why did Jesus say that "wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told..."? What is this act symbolic of?
  
- 4) Read Mark 14:7... why does Jesus sound like the poor aren't a priority to Him? (Deuteronomy 15:11) What is He really saying? What is the lesson here?
  
- 5) The woman gave Jesus a costly gift and she gave it completely. And as a result receives a tremendous complement from Jesus. Jesus gives her a trifold complement. First, Jesus says, she has done a good (Greek: beautiful) thing. Second, she has done what she could – all that was within her resources. Third, what she has done will always and forever be linked to the gospel. How does this apply to your life? What does it cost you? What do you bring to the table?