

4. Why this waste?

Mark 14:3-9

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⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶ "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

The "waste" of that woman

▼ Note the costly coronation

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▼ Note the complaint and criticism

Mark 14:4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

▼ Note the correction from Christ

Mark 14:6 "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her?"

▼ Note the commendation from Christ

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▼ Note the continuing commemoration

Mark 14:9 I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

The "waste" of this worshiper

▼ Their curious accusation

Mark 14:4 "Why this waste of perfume?"

- ▶ Why such effort and expense and endurance for Jesus?
- ▶ Why such energy and emotion and extravagance for Jesus?

Why this waste?

▼ Our confident answers

Mark 14:6 "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her?"

- ▶ Jesus has settled my forgiveness
- ▶ Jesus has surrounded me with favor and fortune
- ▶ Jesus has secured my future
- ▶ Jesus has sought my friendship and fellowship

▼ Our continuing affirmations

Mark 14:6 She has done a beautiful thing to me.

- ▶ I will love Jesus lavishly
- ▶ I will praise Jesus passionately
- ▶ I will serve Jesus sacrificially
- ▶ I will linger with Jesus a little longer

Worth it all!



FIRST ASSEMBLY

Jefferson City

Good morning, and welcome to First Assembly! We pray you'll experience the presence of God and the love of God's people in our services here today. Please visit with any of our pastors if you have questions or need assistance. We're glad you're here!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

8:30AM MORNING WORSHIP

- WORSHIP.....Sanctuary
- KIDS CHURCH (Age 4 through Grade 5).....Gym
- NURSERIES (Ages 0 through 3).....Nurseries

9:50AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Adults: Bible Prophecy: Book of Revelation..... Room 100
- Adults: The Bible and Current Events..... Room 101
- Adults: Fellowship & Testimonies..... Room 103
- Adults: Marriage Enrichment Studies..... Room 204
- Adults: Paul's Letter to the Colossians..... Room 304
- Adults: The Rise of Israel in the Old Testament..... Church Office
- Spanish Bible Class.....Room 300
- Young Adults (18-29).....Room 202
- High School Youth Grades 9-12..... Room 301
- Middle School Youth Grades 6-8..... Room 302
- Children Grades 4 and 5..... Room 306
- Children Grades 2 and 3..... Room 307
- Children Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1..... Room 308
- Children Ages 0 through 3..... Nurseries

11:00AM MORNING WORSHIP

- WORSHIP.....Sanctuary
- KIDS CHURCH (Age 4 through Grade 5).....Gym
- NURSERIES (Ages 0 through 3).....Nurseries

11:00AM SPANISH WORSHIP

- Primera Asamblea Hispánica.....Room 304

1:00PM Young Adults Cookout till 3:00PM

Come & Go Fellowship at 2106 Tanner Bridge Road, JC 65101

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED in observance of the holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 8:00AM CHURCH OFFICES OPEN till 5:00PM
- 9:15AM Ladies Bible Study in Room 101 till 11:15AM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 8:00AM CHURCH OFFICES OPEN till 5:00PM
- 9:00AM W.O.W. Interdenominational Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY NIGHT at 7:00

- Pastor's Bible Study in the Sanctuary
- Young Adults Service (Ages 18-29) in Room 202
- Youth Service (Grades 6-12) in the Gym
- Kids Ministries (K-5th Grades) – Rooms 307, 308
- Nurseries for Ages 0-3 – Next to the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 6:30AM Men's Morning Study Group in the Conference Room
- 8:00AM CHURCH OFFICES OPEN till 5:00PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 6:45AM Youth Engage the Campus till 5:30PM
- 9:00AM Time Will Heal Meeting in Room 300

GET CONNECTED

VISITORS | Welcome! Please complete the registration card in the seat in front of you and bring it to the Welcome Center in the lobby to receive your gift or you may give your card to a pastor or place it in the offering drop box or you may scan the QR code and register online.

GIVING | Thank you for your faithful tithing and giving to the ministries of First Assembly. You may give online at www.firstassembly.org or place your gifts in the giving drop boxes located at the back of the sanctuary. You may also mail your gifts physically to the church office.

CHURCH OFFICES | Offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 till 5:00. Call the office at 573.635.0159 or visit us at 1900 Route C, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109.

PASTORAL CARE | Our pastors are here to serve you. Please don't hesitate to visit with us today after the services or contact us at any time.

INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS | To stay informed about upcoming events, please sign up for one of our church notification processes using the SMARTPHONE APPS listed below or by calling the church office or contacting one of the pastors. We'd be happy to help you sign up!

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WE BELIEVE | We believe in the One True God, the authority of the Bible, the love and lordship of Jesus Christ, the present-day power of the Holy Spirit, the value and significance of every person, and the reality of eternity. We'd love to talk with you and pray with you today about starting a new life by becoming a follower of Jesus Christ. Today is the day!



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