

The third week of February,

I Give You My Best Love

- **Text:** Mark 14:3~9 (February 11)
- **Bottom line:** Those who have received Jesus' great love give their best love to Jesus.

≡ 1. Praise

To My Precious Lord by 박정관

≡ 2. Prayer

God, we gather together to worship you at this time. Please make it a time to engrave Your word in our hearts and resolve to live according to Your word.

≡ 3. Word

Read Mark 14:3~9 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the text over and over again in different translations will help us to deepen our understanding of the material.

<ESV>

3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. 4 There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. 9 And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

<NASB>

3 While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the Leper, He was reclining at the table, and a woman came with an alabaster vial of very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke the vial and poured the perfume over His head. 4 But there were some indignantly remarking to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? 5 For this perfume could have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they were scolding her. 6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone! Why are you bothering her? She has done a good deed for Me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. 9 Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the entire world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her."

<Word Explanation>

- * Nard: The finest fragrance oil extracted from the roots of the Indian plant
- * Denarius: A Day's Wage for a New Testament Worker

Understanding Text

When Jesus was staying at the house of Simon the leper, a woman brought him precious perfumed oil and poured it on him, and the people accused her of wasting it. Jesus said that the woman had prepared for his funeral, and that this act would be passed on with the gospel and that she would be remembered.

Understanding the text for leaders

When Jesus was eating at the home of Simon the Leper in the village of Bethany near Jerusalem, a woman brought him precious nard ointment and poured it on Jesus' head. Nard balm is an inexpensive perfumed oil made from a plant called 'nard' that is native to the Himalayas and the mountains of India. People were shocked to see the woman's unwillingness to pour nard on Jesus. At that time, a worker's daily wage was 1 denarii, but the ointment anointed Jesus was 300 denarii. The people thought it was a waste to anoint Jesus with such expensive perfumed oil, and they criticized the woman's actions, saying that it would have been better to sell it to help the poor. But Jesus had a different idea. Jesus commends the woman's actions and says that where the gospel is preached, there will be people who remember her actions. Even though Jesus' passion was repeatedly foretold (8:31; 9:31~32; 10:33~34), the disciples were indifferent to Jesus, but the woman expressed her love for Him generously. The woman's act was to prepare for Jesus' funeral, and it was also a love that gave great comfort and strength to Jesus as He was on the path of suffering and death.

" And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. " (Mark 8:31).

"for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. " (Mark 9:31~32).

"saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." " (Mark 10:33~34).

4. Sharing

1) Why did some people condemn the actions of the woman who anointed Jesus? (verses 4~5)

Upper Grades

What did Jesus say to the woman who anointed Him with expensive perfumed oil? (verses 8~9)

Lower Grades

What commendation did Jesus give to the woman who anointed her? (verses 8~9)

Question Guide

Find out what those who criticized the woman's actions thought in this way.

Comments for Leaders

Those who criticized the woman's act of anointing Jesus said that it would have been better to use the price of the ointment to help the poor, but Jesus praised the woman's actions as a good thing. Jesus saw the woman's actions as a way to prepare for His own burial. Helping the poor is a good thing, but doing for Jesus has grace and inspiration that is spoken and remembered wherever the gospel is preached.

2) Share how you can concretely express your love for the Lord in your daily life.

■ **Upper Grades**

What can I do to please my beloved Jesus?

■ **Lower Grades**

Will Jesus be pleased when I act?

□ **Question Guide**

Love always comes with action. Think about what you can do for Jesus, whom you love.

□ **Comments for Leaders**

The image of the woman pouring out expensive perfumed oil out of love for Jesus is a challenge to modern people who weigh their own interests and interests before acting. The sincerity of love is not expressed in words, but in deeds, and it is confirmed by what you are able to give. In that sense, the act of the woman who generously offered perfumed oil is a good example of the magnitude of her love for Jesus. Think about what you can give to Jesus, what you can give up for Jesus, and what you can do for Jesus, and think about how you will express your love for Jesus.

≡ **5. Thanksgiving**

There is no limit to Jesus' love for me. Remember the love that He loves you even when you are weak and lacking , and give thanks to Him.

≡ **6. Prayer**

Thank you, Lord, for loving us even to the point of laying down your life. We want to serve you with all our heart, mind, and strength. Above all else, let us love and honor the Lord, and let us confess that you are the most precious thing in our lives.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"

≡ **7. Family Mission**

Create a simple play script from the text and role-play. If you think from the perspective of Jesus, the disciples, and the woman, and read each character's individual personality, the words will be more interesting and three-dimensional.

<Family Role Play> *What to bring: paper, pen

1. Read the text (Mark 14:3~9) several times and make a simple play script.
2. Each person chooses a role and reads the script.
3. You can also role-play in a different roles.