



Sacrifice of Love

Matthew 26:6-13

What is the most important commandment in the Bible?

(36) "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? (37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:36-38

A great expression of love surfaces in three similar stories:

1st Story – Galilee – home of a Pharisee named Simon – Luke 7:36-50

2nd Story – Bethany – home of Lazarus, Martha & Mary – John 12:1-8

3rd Story – Bethany – home of Simon "the Leper" – Mt 26:6-13; Mk 14:3-9

Four truths about loving God....

1. Love Prompts _____ v. 7

"alabaster box" = long necked bottle made out of a special variety of marble.

"spikenard" = literally, "pure nard." Nard was a plant grown in India.

2. Love is _____ v. 8-9

Judas & other disciples considered what Mary and another woman did as wasteful.

Learn a lesson about the power of influence – both positive influence and negative influence.

3. Love _____ v. 10-12

Jesus saw something in the extravagant expression of love that others did not see.

4. Love _____ v. 13

What memorials are you leaving that reveal your love for Jesus Christ?

Purpose – a spiritual growth capital campaign producing finances to finish the second storey of our facility.



Overview – five special Sunday themes & messages:

- October 22nd Message – "God's Giving Campaign" (1 Chron. 29)
- October 29th Message – "Joash' Chest Offering" (2 Chron. 24)
- Faith – November 5th (Hebrews 11:6)
- Love – November 12th (Matthew 26:6-13)
Joash' Chest Offering Received
- Thanksgiving – November 19th (1 Chronicles 29) *Our "Celebration Banquet" will be after the morning service, no evening service on this Sunday.*

Our Offering – what are we asking you to consider?

Our special offering that will be received on November 12th will consist of two parts:

1st – your special gift designated to help us with *"Moving Up!"*

2nd – your promise to help with future special promises:

- promise to give a gift on a particular week
- promise to give special weekly gifts
- promise to give special monthly gifts

Let's pray that God will channel His resources through His children that He intends to use for the finishing of our ministry space.

You can be part of a miracle!