



WHAT CAN YOU GIVE?

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to **obey** everything I have commanded you.” — Matthew 28:19-20a*

*“The Baptist Church of Franklin exists to make **more** and **better** followers of Jesus Christ.” — BCF Membership Binder*

OBSERVE and REFLECT

Read Mark 14:1-11

- What was remarkable about the woman’s action toward Jesus?
- How did others respond to what she did? How does Jesus in turn respond to her critics?
- Note the “bookends” Mark places before and after the story of the woman (14:1-2, 10-11). How does this literary device heighten the perceived impact of the woman’s action?

OBEY

1. One commentator remarks that this woman's action "springs from a personal love for Jesus which, on occasion, breaks all patterns, defies common sense, and simply gives."¹ What might cause a person to give so extravagantly that, to others, it defies common sense?
2. Describe a time you felt moved to give, and it turned out to have a greater impact than even you expected.
3. Comment on the following quote: "I don't think anyone has ever sacrificed anything for God. If you get back more than you gave up, have you sacrificed anything at all? The eternal reward always outweighs the temporal sacrifice. At the end of the day, Judgment Day, our only regret will be whatever we didn't give back to God."²

****Weekly Bonus Questions****

- What's one "a-ha" moment you've taken away from this discussion?
- What's one thing you should do differently this week because of what you've learned here?

¹ Williamson, Lamar. *Mark* (p. 249) Westminster John Knox, 2009.

² Batterson, Mark. *All In* (p. 26). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.