First Baptist Church of Cypress
TRUSTING IN GOD'S TIMING
MARK 14:1-9

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Good morning church! Our country has faced recent hardship with all that has happened with the pandemic and now the violence, murders, hate and rioting taking place in the protesting. You and I have been affected emotionally, physically and spiritually.

- The only answer to overcome sin such as racism and injustice is <u>GOD</u>, His <u>WORD</u>, and His <u>LOVE</u>.

Christians sympathize with the hurt and pain, but we would never condone sin like violence, murder, hate or crime. Christians see all people as equal, but unique; we are all sinners in need of a savior; all people are created by God as image-bearers. Jesus Christ has demonstrated such love when He died on the cross for all people. God is not prejudiced or shows no favoritism, nor should we. Our prayers go out to the Floyd family, the police departments, the families who have lost loved ones, and those negatively affected by what has happened.

"It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, 2 for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people." 3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,[a] 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[b] 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."

1. **GOD'S** Timing to Send a **SAVIOR** was **PERFECT**. (v. 1-2)

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." **Galatians 4:4-7**

2. **MARY'S** Timing of Personal **WORSHIP** was **APPROPRIATE**. (v. 3-9)

   • SACRIFICIAL worship is proper worship.
   • We must first seek God's glory VERTICALLY in worship to expand God's goodness HORIZONTALLY in ministry.

"someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works" **James 2:18**
   • True FAITH is proven in good WORKS.

3. **MINISTRY** Timing to Serve the **POOR** is **CONSTANT**. (v. 5-9)

   • Jesus' commands us to do MINISTRY together as a church OUTWARDLY and to WORSHIP together as a church INWARDLY.
   • What you DO will reflect who you ARE.
   • SIN will always deceive our IDENTITY in Christ, distract our WORSHIP to God, and destroy our MINISTRY to Others.

Do you think Mary's act made a difference? Even if she realized it or not, notice what Jesus says about it in verse 9, "wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her".
The gospel is being proclaimed all across the world and even today, we are still sharing this woman's story.

So, what is your story? Who are you in Christ Jesus? Are you saved? Are you committed? Are you a child of God's? We all have a part to play in the family of God and each of us has a purpose or calling to live by. Trust in God's timing to reveal those things to you just as much as trusting in God's timing for us to worship him, to serve the poor, and to share the gospel boldly during these difficult times as these.