

# **Mark** | women of the way

## ***A Scent of Extravagant Service***

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Mark 14:3-9

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**Introduction:** Jesus says: "Follow me." But how? Not by following a set of rules, but by being caught up in good news. The story of Jesus, as the gospel of Mark tells it, is the story of good news and a new way. A better way. To be "on the way" with Jesus is let the good news have it's way in every dimension of our lives. As we continue our study of Mark's account, we focus on Mark's attention to Jesus's interactions with women and his portrayal of women who model four elements of life on the way with Jesus: restored life, kingdom speech, sacrificial action, and cruciformity. Their example equips and invites us on the discipleship pathway at UPC. After all, it's a great king who invites us: "Follow me."

**Review:** What did you do to practice Gospel fluency this week?

**Read:** Mark 14:3-9

**Prayer:** Holy Jesus, we want to worship you with our whole heart, soul and mind. Help us to see you in this text as we study together. Amen

### ***Discussion:***

1. What do you think about the reaction of the disciples to the woman's actions? Have you reacted this way to extravagant efforts by others?
2. How does the disciple's response show what they value? How does Jesus redirect them?
3. Where have you seen when God's economy and timing overrule prudent behavior?
4. What does this passage tell us about how we are to serve and worship Jesus?

**Application:** Ask God to show you what you can do to worship and serve him.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, help us to see your abundance in our lives and respond with joy. Amen