

WEDNESDAY... *eyes for the cross*

Remember...

In Christ, we possess an open invitation to a never-ending supply of God's grace and life.

Read Matthew 26:6-13

During the days leading up to the events of the crucifixion, on Wednesday, we find Jesus in the home of Simon and something especially significant took place... **a woman lavishly anointed Jesus with expensive ointment** and the disciples became indignant, accusing that her action was wasteful. **BUT Jesus saw it very differently**, and what He says about her can be very telling to us about our own response to Jesus.

See, we find that this woman had a keen and intuitive awareness of Jesus. She must have really listened when Jesus said what He did in verse 2 of this chapter, because we see here that **she, more than any of his disciples, followers, and friends, was aware of the great sacrifice He was about to offer.**

Her eyes were on the cross, and she acted accordingly.

And Jesus praised her action. It didn't matter that she was a sinner... according to other Gospel accounts she was known for her immoral lifestyle. Nor did it matter that she was a woman... at that time women were not highly regarded in social settings. **She was the most unlikely in the room and yet she, more than any other got it... she got Him.**

Her eyes were already looking upon the cross! She knew what Jesus was about to do and **she poured out all that she had in worship, in adoration, in care and sacrifice for His Gospel work in the world.**

As we live on this Wednesday, just an ordinary day in the middle of the week... may we too be keenly aware of Jesus. May we be so centered on Him, and willing to pour out ourselves for Him. It doesn't matter if we like this woman may seem the most unlikely to impact. As we focus our being and our resources upon Him, **Jesus will see it and feel it, and the impact will be eternal.**

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, I see You. I have the privilege of living on this side of Your sacrifice and my eyes are on the cross. I see how You poured out Your life for mine. Help me to be keenly aware of You today and all that You did for me. And in response, today I will pour out my _____ to care for Your interests.

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