

**Sermon:** Generous God, Generous People

**Scripture:** John 3:16, 1 Chronicles 29:1-9, Mark 14:3-9, Mark 12:41-44

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**Mark 14:3-9 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, 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. <sup>4</sup> There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that?” <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup> 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.”

**Realize afresh the immense power of God's generosity.**

**Realize afresh the immense power of our reciprocal generosity.**

King David:

Mary of Bethany:

The Widow: