

Mark 14:3-5

And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? "For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

"Why are you spending so much time at that church, don't you have anything better to do?"

"You gave your hard-earned money to them, why?"

"What do you mean you would rather go to church on Sunday instead of sleeping in?"

"You mean you really pray at other times then just before you eat?"

So many things we are criticized for as Christians that the world just doesn't understand. The reason they don't understand it is because they are taught to look out for number one, and the number ones are themselves.

The world looks at what they can get right now for the things they do, they will give a big amount to charity, as long as their names are put up on a wall or others know about it. They will go to church on Christmas Eve night and Easter Sunday, because they think that's what you are supposed to do, not because they really want to. They will give to the poor for a tax right off only.

Sometimes we as Christians even judge what other Christians are doing. We wonder why they lift their hands during worship in church. We wonder why they didn't put anything in the offering plate or bag. We even get upset when they would rather serve or spend time with the Lord in prayer and His word then go to one of our functions.

Here in today's devotional verses it tells of "***some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted?"***"

Who was saying this?

† ***John 12:4 & 6 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.***

When we criticize others for the work they do for the Lord, are we acting just like Judas Iscariot who cared more about this world and the things of this world then serving God? Let's stop being critical of those who serve the Lord and be thankful for them and even join them in serving the Lord.

† 1 Cor 12:20-23 *But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty,*