



Since the end of October, we've been working our way through the gospel of Mark in a series called "Unreasonable God." God has been so gracious to us; He has gone beyond the norm, beyond what is fair, and He has given us Jesus. That's unreasonable! We don't deserve it! As our faith grows, Jesus calls us to unreasonable steps of obedience – things that don't make sense. These include steps that don't make sense to those closest to us. Those who know us best may look in confusion and ask, "*Why would you do that?*" That's a great setup for today's study, "Unreasonable Anointing."

Key Passage: Mark 14:3-9

Discussion Questions:

1. Why was Mary's anointing Jesus considered "unreasonable" by those around her?
2. What do Mary's actions teach us about true humility and devotion?
3. What does this passage suggest about the relationship between meeting physical needs and addressing spiritual needs?
4. Based on the sermon, how would you differentiate the social, incomplete, and true gospel as they were explained? How does the "social gospel" concept relate to the story of Mary and Judas?
5. What can we learn from the contrast between Mary's heart and Judas's heart?
6. In what areas of our lives are we most at risk of letting our hearts reflect Judas's attitude rather than Mary's devotion? How can we cultivate a heart of worship in our daily lives?
7. How might your devotion to Jesus lead others to perceive your actions or beliefs as unreasonable?