

### Chapter 1 : Mark KJV - She hath done what she could: she is - Bible Gateway

*8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. 9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. 10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve.*

Mary is found three times in the Gospel record and each time she is at the feet of Jesus. He has retired to Bethany, a few miles east of Jerusalem, and the home of Simon, a leper who may have previously been healed by Jesus. He is there with his disciples. Among others present are Lazarus, whom Christ raised from the dead John 11 , and his two sisters Mary and Martha; John While they reclined about the dinner table a woman identified as Mary in John 12 proceeds to anoint Jesus head and feet with a precious ointment and then wiped His feet with her hair, John The ointment was spikenard, derived from nard an aromatic oil which was made from a rare plant root native to India. The Results of the Work. The House was filled with the sweet-smelling aroma of the ointment. And who is sufficient for these things? She was severely criticised by the disciples. The ringleader of this criticism is identified in John With this there comes in to view some stark contrasts between Judas and Mary. Others of the disciples criticised Mary because of their lack of perception and insensitivity, but Judas because of his greed; John When the treachery of Judas is contrasted with the love and loyalty of Mary the ugliness of his sin makes the beauty of her sacrifice shine even brighter. His criticism was this, "Why was this waste of the ointment made? Judas question is ironic in the sense that the word waste here is the same word Gk. Judas belittled Mary for wasting material wealth, but he wasted his entire life. Furthermore, Judas complained that the ointment "might have been sold She was commended by Jesus. When you serve the Lord and do good works for the sake of Christ criticism is bound to come your way. She hath wrought a good work on me. Christ acknowledged that it had been done for His sake. There is no higher or nobler motive than this. She hath done what she could. Time, Talent, and Treasure are given to all. We cannot give what belongs to another, but we can give of what we possess. Her work would remain as a perpetual memorial.

Chapter 2 : W. A. Criswell Sermon Library | She Hath Done What She Could

*Verse 8. - She hath done what she calendriredelascience.com seized the opportunity, which might not occur again, of doing honor to her Lord by anointing him with her very best. Our Lord might have excused this action, and have praised it as a practical evidence of her gratitude, her humility, and her love for him.*

This is the second in a series of three articles by Genary Hicks, a reflection of the last seminar speech of Sis. Jane McWhorter, Christian author and national speaker. For the first article, see here. Jane, as she was fondly called, spoke to us, casually, as though we were sitting in her living room, drinking a warm cup of coffee. I remember, leaning forward hanging onto each word, since I knew she would make the most of this final speech, in this setting. At one point, I realized that my posture was too relaxed, then I looked around to see that I was not alone. What an honor and privilege it was to sit at her feet and glean wisdom from her life. She began by referring to life as a journey. And on this journey, we must know that storms and trials will come, but we must learn to find the good in every circumstance. She admitted that it takes time, even years, to make sense of some trials. However, we must develop a spiritual understanding of troubles. Causes of Troubles If not, we may become bitter and broken when hardships come. When we fail to have a spiritual understanding of trouble, we may find ourselves questioning the power of God or wondering if God loves us enough. She went on to outline the causes of trouble: True love does what is right for the other, even if it hurts. She compared it to the relationship between a parent and child. Also, we must remember that troubles are a part of life. It is not always the result of sin. With God our troubles have purpose and work to perfect us. Troubles and Control Ms. We have control over our attitude and control over our character. These two things cannot be taken away from us. We should choose to have a positive outlook, trusting in God, knowing that He will work all things together for our good, Romans 8: So how should we handle our troubles? View ourselves as problem solvers. Verbalizing them can help us understand what is going on and, perhaps, what can be done. Look for the good in bad situations. Look for possible solutions. We should interrupt negative thoughts. She admitted that this would be challenging, but it is possible. What can I choose to be happy about today? For what five blessings will I thank give thanks to God? What can I do to make one person happier? And What will I learn from my Bible study and how will I apply it to my life? Take time to thank the people who have been good to us. Enjoy what we do have without always wishing for more. Have a purpose in life. These things will either add to our lives or take away from the value of it. Our lives are brief, so we must learn to differentiate between what is urgent and what is important. We must not place what seems urgent over what is truly important. As wives and mothers, we should make the effort to love our families more, and enjoy the seemingly insignificant moments with them. These things she said with a calm confidence. She had traveled this road before. She had raised her children, lived with and loved a husband whom she adored.

**Chapter 3 : “She Hath Done What She Could”™: Jane McWhorter’s final speech “Brotherhood**

*She has done what she was able to do" [Mark ]. Like a multi-multi-millionaire, and he gives ten million dollars to the work of Christ, he's done what he could. What most of us couldn't, what he could.*

Jesus said she was anointing him in preparation for his burial. He was praising the woman for the good deed she was doing and said she would be talked about and remembered wherever the gospel is heard. She did all she could to honor Jesus as the end of His life neared. Frequently we say the same thing about someone that is doing a good work. We may also say this when someone is attempting to do a good work and falling short of her goals “ she hath done what she could. In other words, she has done her best. While God expects us to follow Him and do His will, He knows we are frail and make mistakes. He wants us to do our best. We are not asked to be perfect but to do what we can “ the best we can. What I really would like to talk about is the other way we use this phrase. I would like us to look at ourselves and ask “ Hath she done what she could? Worded a little differently “ Have I done what I could? As we go through our everyday lives, are we really doing the best we can to serve God? Have we truly been the best influence for good to those around us? Have we put God first in our lives? What do these parents typically say? I did what I could. Did I do all I could to prepare this child for a life of service to God? A pattern of parents that loved their children and spent a lot of time with their children, spent a lot of money on their children, and gave their children every opportunity that the world around us considers essential to quality child development. Young families tend to get caught up in what our society considers necessary for a child to be successful. They see to it their child is given the best education, has opportunities to succeed on the ball field or with a music instrument, has the tools necessary to do whatever it is the child is interested in and the community looks favorably on. While none of these things are wrong, the problem or the mistake that parents make is failing to give the same time and attention to spiritual training. They surround their children with the best teachers and mentors of these worldly pursuits but the child may not ever have a conversation with a faithful Christian that is not a family member. The child is surrounded with peers that are an encouragement to a sports endeavor or good influences in academic areas but are not encouraged to seek peers that are Christians. We must see to it that our children are surrounded by Christians. That they are encouraged to make Christians their closest friends. That they are encouraged to have close relationships with older Christians that can be a great influence to them as they leave the nest.

**Chapter 4 : Mark She has done what she could to anoint My body in advance of My burial.**

*She hath done what she could. Holiday Planner Join A Virtuous Woman's community of over 21, women where you'll find freedom from perfection and the confidence to live your life with purpose.*

Posted on Monday, October 15, , 3: Jesus did for one woman, and that for doing a single act. Jesus was in Bethany, having a meal in the home of Simon the leper. Jesus sees something in her of such worth that he saw to it that, now 2, years later we may read of her wonderful act of love. What was it about her that prompted Jesus to, in effect, write her epitaph? She did not put it off as the five foolish virgins would have. She did not bury her talent and her valuable ointment as the 1-talent man would have. She simply saw something that she could do and she did it. This was then, and is today, a very rare trait. How many of us have buried talents, are procrastinating or are waiting around for someone to tell us what to do? Most of us probably run across multiple opportunities every day to be an influence for Jesus yet pass them by. We, like this woman need to have a holy ambition that overcomes procrastination and any other hindrance. Some of them are actually belittling her for what she is doing. How easily we become discouraged or disheartened because some foolish, ignorant, self-righteous person makes a comment about us. She Had Pure Motives Her pure motives are shown in the fact she continued to perform the work in the face of opposition. If her motive had been to receive the praise of men, she would have ceased when the ridicule started. She sought the praise of God and cared nothing for what others thought. When we adopt this pure motive, discouragement will not be nearly the problem it is otherwise. Why we do what we do is as important that the thing we do. It is the driving force behind our actions. God is as concerned with the heart as He is the action. Were the Lord to write my epitaph, what would it be?

**Chapter 5 : She Hath Done What She Could | Bible Songs And More**

*She did not have to have someone point out to her what she needed to do as those "goats" on the left needed. She simply saw something that she could do and she did it. This was then, and is today, a very rare trait.*

Do What You Can 1. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. Sure, I had cooked to feed my family, and washed clothes to keep them clean, but what had I done to really make a difference? Jesus went to the house of Simon, and Mary took an alabaster box of precious ointment and poured it on his head. The gospel of John also tells us that she anointed his feet and wiped them with her hair. For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. Jesus said that Mary would be remembered for this work she did. When you think back through the year, can you remember what works you did for the Lord? Before the year was over I decided that I would try to make a difference in the lives of those around me. Every day after that, I tried to do something special for at least one person that day. We are Christians and we are to lift up one another spiritually. But I am afraid that many times we tear one another down. We read again in Hebrews Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: Look for good qualities in those around you and tell them that you appreciate them. Tell them you appreciate their faithfulness. Sometimes we all get discouraged and weary in well doing, and kind words from others can lift us up and give us encouragement to keep on keeping on. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them, When he was come, they brought him unto the upper chamber: But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: Here is the story of Dorcas. She gave of herself to others. She had a talent of weaving or sewing and making clothes and she used her talent for others. My mother has a wonderful talent for sewing. Her close friends know that she has sewed for weddings and special occasions, and made beautiful curtains, but not many know that she has also sewed for children and widows just to give them something new to wear. She has used her talent to help others, not to be seen or noticed, but just to make a difference in their lives. You may not have that special talent for sewing. But you can pray and ask God to show you what you can do for others. There is a woman in our church who enjoys baking pound cakes. She is often seen bringing a cake to church to give to others. She is using her gift to bless others. Find your gift or talent and use it to make a difference to others. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry, But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Some people in our church raise gardens. He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. And we in turn, passed everything they outgrew on to others. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home,

good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. But many do not have that opportunity. If there are young converts in your church encourage them and show them true Christian love. There may also be young couples in your church that are struggling, either financially or in other areas, as they start their families. It would mean a lot to them for you to invite them over for a meal and fellowship. Or maybe even more for you to offer to keep their children so they can have a relaxing meal together. Our kindness should not only be shown to those who are younger, but we can also help those who are older. Do what you can this coming year to brighten the lives of those around you. Every day we watch the news or read the newspaper we can see the evil works of wicked men. And be not conformed to this world: Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: Therefore is thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. The Year Of The Lord "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. He opened the book to Isaiah chapter 61 in our Bible and read this scripture and then said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. He came "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. The poor are still hearing the gospel, captives of sin are being set free, the brokenhearted are still being loved, and praise the Lord, the blind are still receiving sight. As the death toll nears , in 11 countries near Indonesia and Thailand from the earthquake and tsunami that hit last week, my heart aches for the survivors who lost everything they have, and now battle hunger and thirst, disease, and even crocodiles. I have read quotes from many that say they have no reason to live. Their homes were washed away and their family members were killed as the wave destroyed everything in its path. Pray that God will "heal the brokenhearted". And pray that as the food, water, blankets, and medicines reach them, the gospel message will also reach them. And do all you can for the Lord each day. This may be the year of His Return. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: She hath done what she could: Mary of Bethany had some precious ointment and she poured it on the head of Jesus and on His feet and wiped His feet with her hair. But Mary was giving the best she had to her Lord. I like the comforting words of Jesus, "Let her alone, why trouble ye her? She hath done what she could We serve the Lord by serving others. I was first a daughter, and I strive to be the best daughter I can be. Since my Dad died I try to keep in touch with Mom and spend more time with her. We work together around the house and enjoy short trips together.

Chapter 6 : She Hath Done What She Could

*"She hath done what she could." Attie could not forget those words and years later would say, "That day God spoke to me, and said that I would not be doing all I could unless I was willing to go to China, too."*

You can help make a dream come true! I am loving my new Chloe and Isabel "Straight Shooter" necklace! I would like to thank my friend, Amanda, for sending it to me. Please check out her Chloe and Isabel site. If you want to support women and mothers in business, please consider ordering from Amanda. They are so excited to welcome this child home and become a forever family. What a wonderful way to support a fellow woman and mother. You can get a beautiful piece of jewelry for yourself and help bring Amanda one step closer to bringing their little one home! Let me just put it "on the record" to say I write these things to reflect on myself and I write them in the hope that it may help others. Many have told me they are following along with the "no buy" challenge and find reading posts of other helpful - so I continue. If you like it, and the shoe fits, wear it! The whole point of the Remix Challenge from Instagram was to shop your closet, use what you have, be creative with what you have, learn to do without and be content with what you already own. For a minute this thought ran through my head "With all the money I save, I will be able to buy this or that How would that teach me contentment? How would that teach me to use what I have? Something that has hit me square in the face during this challenge is how very selfish and self-centered shopping and over-shopping is. No one wants to hear that. No one wants to admit they are selfish. I could always justify my purchases because I was shopping without debt, and making "bargain" or "deal" purchases. But if you look at it with an open heart, how much time do you spend on the pursuit? Hunting down that certain shirt - even to the point of calling out of state stores and calling in a favor from your Instagram buddies? All the time spent was for ME. Fulfilling MY wants, MY wishes. It started to make me sick. I wonder how many times when I was headed out shopping, my husband just wanted me to be home to be with him? But in his kindness and patience, he never criticized. Put the shoe on the other foot. How would you feel if your husband came home every day with a purchase? A new shirt, a new golf club, new sunglasses - all bought on sale, all marked down. Would it bother you? Would you start to think of him as selfish? What about that special vacation you wanted to take with him - would his daily "deal" purchases take a toll on your long-term goal and would you harbor some resentment? Where is your emphasis, focus, and time spent? You can say you love your family first and foremost, but are your actions showing you do? Do you ever think about servant hood? So much is entailed in being a servant and it all starts with putting others before yourself and putting yourself There are so many good works out there just waiting for someone to help, someone to care. It would do the soul good to quit thinking of self so much and start thinking of others more. Old Navy is making it reeeally hard to stay strong. That striped Walmart button down is making it hard. Every day there is going to be a temptation, a deal, a choice we have to make. We can do it ladies! I appreciate each and every one of you who is doing the Remix Challenge right along with me. The encouragement means so much! For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. I would say I have just done "alright" in all areas. Pretty mediocre for sure. You might want to check out her website Shopaholicnomore. I would certainly recommend this book to anyone who loves shopping. Get ready to do some soul searching. Get ready to read hard things that describe you to a "T"! So far the book has talked about emotions associated with shopping, why do you shop, triggers for when you shop and hard questions like "how do you want to be remembered? Still, I have purchased things and have convinced myself they were "staple" items that have been on my list for months and they were but still I can be clothed for a long time to come. Posted by Peggy 3 comments Tuesday, October 1, For those of you not on my Instagram of Facebook, wanted to let you know, my dad passed away. I have just returned home from the funeral and time spent with my family. My heart is broken. I loved my Dad very much. The most selfless, giving, thoughtful, funny, sentimental, faithful, loyal, loving man. He put the Kingdom first and now has gone on to his reward, in the arms of the Lord. Use It Up Challenge for October! I am starting a challenge on Instagram for October called the Use It Up Challenge, so I wanted to post here and invite readers to take part with us! I did a No Spend September challenge in Instagram and failed miserably. I gave exceptions and justified Paypal purchases,

which just spiraled into more spending. Hence, Use It Up was born! I have an over abundance of blessings in every area. This challenge is designed to make me reflect and be content with what I have. So are you in? You can either join on Instagram and hashtag posts useitupchallenge - or feel free to post here or on your blog and link back. Posted by Peggy 0 comments Sunday, July 28, Long time gone I have been absent for some time now and I feel completely out of the loop. I follow many of you on Instagram and I swipe through pictures when I find a minute here and there. My mind has been racing lately - thinking about what really matters in life, and guess what? Seriously, we have been so busy with church camp, family church camp and now this week VBS, my mind has been focused on the Bible and things eternal and it gives a whole other perspective. I love clothes and fashion - always will. But being so involved daily in keeping up with the fashion blogging world takes too much time away from the "needful" things of life. It will take another whole post for me to tell you what we have learned and benefited from in the short month we have used them. You can check out my website [HERE](#). In week one I have lost 4 pounds and 2 inches overall. Just trying to build strength and much needed strength in my core. Thanks to all of you who wrote to ask about my dad. He is breathing much easier and continues on hospice but comfortable. Thanks to all for the prayers. My siblings and I all went home my sister lives there to be with our dad. As it turns out, he got over the pneumonia and pulled through. He has lung disease, so he struggles to breathe everyday. Any little virus or bacteria make breathing nearly impossible for him. I am so happy my friend, Naomi, used her airline benefits to fly me home in a flash. What would we do without caring, helpful friends? It was hard to go home under these circumstances, but wonderful to be together as a family. So many memories together. And I pray God blesses my mother, who constantly and sacrificially cares for my ill father. We never know when God will call us home. I marvel when I look back at the changes he made upon becoming a Christian. He gave up cursing, smoking and drinking cold turkey. He faithfully attended all services of the church. He worked as a greeter and organizer each service. He used his talents for the Lord. He taught us to give.

**Chapter 7 : She Hath Done What She Could - Gospel Advocate Company**

*a. She was a woman-no rights, priviledges, or influence during. Jesus' day, yet she worshipped Jesus. b. She had a past-she had seven devils in her past, yet she gave.*

But this morning I wanted to preach out of the Book that you have in the pew racks before you. In our preaching through the Gospel of Mark we have come to chapter In this chapter is described the arrest and the trial of our Lord Jesus against His death. But the first part of this chapter 14 is a recounting of one of the sweetest incidents in the life of our Lord, and one of the most precious moving that we could ever know. You see, there is a time and a place that God has chosen to present His Son in a beautiful light. And it is thus in the passage that you have just read and which will be my text and story for the morning. And one of the most unusual things about the presentation is that the central character in what is happening is a humble and precious woman, unprepossessing, having no thought of the immortality of her deed [Mark Do you remember the story closes, "Assuredly I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel is preached to the ends of the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her? Tell me, had I made an announcement in Jerusalem that, in the nearby town of Bethany, there will be done something that will outlast and outlive all of the kingdoms and empires of the world " when the great empire of Egypt and of Assyria and of Babylon of even Greece and Rome " are forgotten, this that is taking place will be heralded around the world, and they had gone to Bethany to look at this amazing phenomenal come to pass: Yet what this humble woman did is told in a thousand and more languages. It is constantly sent out from the presses of the world. It is a memorial to her. I think of men, great men of the earth, who build monuments of granite, and they erode away; monuments of iron, and they rust. But what this precious woman did is as vibrant and viable and as moving and as alive today as it was two thousand years ago. What an amazing thing that is come to pass. What happened was, in this little city of Bethany, there is a man named Simon, and he was a leper. So they called him Simon the leper [Mark May I pause to say, almost certainly he had been healed by the Lord Jesus Christ. He would have had to exist in the tombs, and cry everywhere he went with his hand over his lips, "Unclean, unclean! Jesus almost certainly had healed him. And out of gratitude to our Lord, he invites these sweet, dear people, a wonderful thing for that glorious man to do. And as they sit at meat, breaking bread, Mary comes with an alabaster box full of precious ointment [Mark You see, even the Bible here says it was very costly. You would have known that had the Bible not avowed it. The alabaster box came from Egypt. It is frozen marble. And the ointment of spikenard came from India. It would take a hundred gardens of roses to instill just one drop. And she comes before our Lord, and breaks that alabaster box over His head, and anoints Him with that ointment. That is a custom that is strange to us. We do not anoint in the Western culture. But in the Eastern culture every great somebody was anointed. In the Old Testament they anointed their kings, they anointed their priests, they anointed their prophets. It was something done out of love and exultation, though we in the West, for a man to be anointed, to be covered with perfume, would be very unmanly for us, but not to them. It was a beautiful and precious ritual. So Mary comes and breaks that alabaster box over the head of our precious Lord. She owed so much to Him. He had raised her brother Lazarus from the dead [John She sat at His feet and was born anew, given eternal life. And this was something for Him, a beautiful thing for Mary to do. But I want to point out to you something else. There in that group of happy friends, she sensed that our Lord had a sad heart. They were even arguing who would be greatest in the coming kingdom of God [Mark 9: Somehow the disciples never grasped what our Lord was avowing, His coming death [Mark 9: But Mary sensed it, was sensitive to it. She had carefully secured this alabaster box of ointment, and had carefully put it aside, and now was anointing Him for His burial. Mary, how could you have known and been sensitive to so precious a thing? And the Lord said, "Wherever this gospel is preached, this will be said of you" [Mark May I make another aside? Whenever we identify ourselves and our labor and ministry, with the cross and the death of Christ, God blesses us, a remarkable thing. When our Lord was slain, that means we are dead to the world. When our Lord was buried, that means we have, by and in that tomb, laid our pride and our selfish ambitions. And when the Lord was raised from the dead that means we live a new life in Him. What an unusual woman,

so sensitive. To us today, Judas, Judas Iscariot, is a name for a contemptible traitor! To the disciples, he was honored above the rest. He was the only Judean, cultured and educated. These Galileans could hardly speak good language. And he was elected the treasurer of the company of Christ. They honored him and trusted him. And it was Judas who made the comment, "the outlandish, unbelievable waste! What a waste," it says, they say, "What a waste" [Mark Now may I make a comment about that? Just out of the love of your heart you do, sometimes, an outlandish thing. Why, yesterday, in one of the wedding services that I had, I say, "Do you have a sign and a seal of this love? It is a band and right in the middle of it is a big, expensive diamond. It is an extravagance, and love is like that. It is always extravagant. God is like that, loving us in this world! Tell me, what good, what utilitarian purpose, is a rainbow? You know, one time I flew over the Amazon jungle, and I never knew this, there below me was a rainbow, a complete circle. Did you know that? Every rainbow you ever saw in your life is a half circle, goes from here to here. Up there, it was a circle all the way around, looking down on it from that height. Or the beauty of the color of the ocean? The color of the leaves, what good is the color of the autumnal leaves? And love is like that. In the first little church that I pastored, I built a church house. I built a church house. And it was in the days of the Depression, and they sold their cotton for five cents a pound. And I struggled, and we all struggled, and we built a little cupola on the top of the little country church. What good is a cupola? When we built that beautiful building just across the street, I went to Mrs. Veal, that chapel in honor of her dad, Colonel C. Slaughter, I went to Mrs. Veal, and I said, "Mrs. Veal, I want you to give me the money to put a steeple on it, to put a steeple on it. Same thing about Dr. Embree; when we built Embree Hall, I said, "I want the most beautiful stained-glass windows in the world. I thank God for these windows here. Love is extravagant for no reason at all, no utilitarian purpose at all. There was a poor widow woman who had a boy, a little boy, and she was struggling to raise the little lad. And a friend of that poor widow woman also had a little boy the same age. And she took the marbles out preparing to send the pants over there to the poor widow. And looking at the marbles, she put them back in the pocket, and sent the pants over to the poor widow and her little boy with the marbles in it. And the poor widow wrote back and thanked that gracious woman for the pants. And then added, "But especially, thank you for the marbles. Well, what was the response of our Lord? He said to them, "You leave her alone.

**Chapter 8 : She Hath Done What She Could - Publishing Designs**

*she hath done what she could Intro: "A Christian businessman was traveling in Korea. In a field by the side of the road was a young man pulling a rude plow while an old man held the handles.*

In a field by the side of the road was a young man pulling a rude plow while an old man held the handles. The businessman was amused and took a snapshot of the scene. When their church was being built, they were eager to give something toward it, but they had no money. So they decided to sell their one and only ox and give the proceeds to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves. Up until now I have never given God anything that involved real sacrifice. It is the kind of sacrifice talked about by men like Paul in Romans Jesus is on His way to Calvary. As He goes, a woman expresses the depths of her love and devotion to Him by a costly sacrifice. Her labor of love is misunderstood by others, but it is commended by the Lord Jesus. In fact, He tells those around Him that she has done all she could do, and that her sacrifice will be remembered and rehearsed forever. In fact, I am fulfilling that prophecy this evening. I want us to look at this passage for a few minutes this evening, and as we do I want us to consider the thought, She Hath Done What She Could. As we think about the sacrifice she made for the Lord, we need to ask ourselves the question: Have we done what we could for Him? Have we given all there is to give? Notice three areas where she did what she could. As we do, search your heart and see if you have. She hath done what she could: She broke a box of ointment and poured it on the head of Jesus. This ointment was valued at pence. A pence was the daily wage of the average worker. This spikenard was produced from a rare plant that grew in India. It was very expensive and many people saved for years to be able to provide this for their own funeral preparations. However, this woman, whom we believe to be Mary, John 12, poured it out on the head of the Lord Jesus. Two ancient eastern customs are in here. The first has to do with the breaking of glasses. When a distinguished person ate in a home, often the glass they had used was broken to prevent a lesser person from using it in the future. Another custom had to do with burial rituals. After the body of the deceased had been washed and anointed, the box that had contained the embalming spices was broken and the fragments were buried with the individual. However, I like to imagine that she broke the vessel so that she might extract every drop of ointment for use on the Lord Jesus. Regardless of the reason, one thing is clear: Mary gave all she had to Jesus for His glory! I wonder have we broken the alabaster box of our life and poured out ourselves, every drop for Him? This is the thought that occupied the mind of Paul as he faced his own death, 2 Tim. We should look at our lives and ask ourselves if we have given everything we have and are to Him. She gave all she had! Have we placed everything we are on the altar for Him? Think about it seriously. What have you given to Him and what have you help back for yourself or for another? He simply said that she had done everything that was in her power. The expression "what she could" refers to all she possessed. There were many things Mary could not do for Jesus, but in anointing Him with that box of costly ointment, she was giving Him all she had. Her service was absolute. When the critics started wagging their tongues, Jesus told them that what Mary had done was respond to a once in a lifetime opportunity to serve the Lord, v. When the opportunity presented itself, Mary took advantage of it and experienced a once in a lifetime blessing. The implication for us is clear this evening. When the Spirit of God speaks to our hearts, that is the time to step up and serve God. Too often, we miss out on those special moments of service to Jesus when we ignore the impulses and leadership of the Holy Spirit. That is why the Bible warns us to be careful lest we quench the Spirit of God, 1 Thes 5: How many times have we ignored the impulses of the Spirit of God and missed opportunities to serve the Lord? Until we reach the place where when He speaks we immediately respond, we will never be doing all we can do for Him. What the Lord is seeking is those people who have surrendered everything they have, everything they are and everything they hope to be to the will of the Lord. He is looking for people who will assume the place of servants before Him. He is looking for those who will merely respond when He speaks to them. He is looking for those about whom He can say, "They have done what they could. The tables they used were low to the floor, and the people reclined around the table at meal time. Typically, their heads were near the table while their feet were farther away. This would mean that anyone walking up to a person in such a position

would be considerably taller than the person at the table. It is, therefore, assumed that Mary would have assumed a kneeling position near Jesus, in order to anoint His head with the ointment. In this one moment of time, Mary was making a great statement of surrender. By kneeling to Him and anointing Him, she was declaring her faith in Him as the Messiah. She was telling everyone who saw her do what she did that her faith was in the Lord Jesus Christ. She, at that moment, surrendered all to Him! Her act of love and worship also made a big statement concerning Who she believed Jesus to be. You see, there were four classes of people who were anointed those day: Kings 2 Kings 9: I believe that by her selfless act, Mary was acknowledging Jesus to be all of those things to her heart. Certainly, Jesus is all of those things. He is the King of Kings, Rev. He is the Great High Priest, Heb. He is the Prophet, Matt. He was dead, but is alive forevermore, Rev. This is what Mary believed about Jesus and she demonstrated her surrender to Him as all those things by her act of love and worship. Mary was more in touch with Who Jesus was and is than were His own disciples. She believed that He was about to die. Apparently she knew that His body would not be available to anoint after death, so she did it ahead of time. No doubt her faith enabled her to see beyond the cross and the tomb to a day when Jesus would rise from the dead and occupy the throne of glory in Heaven. She was absolutely surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you surrendered to the same level as Mary? Does the life you live show you kneeling before Him as absolute Lord and God? When Mary arrived at that place, truly she had done all that she could do. When we get there, we can go no farther with Jesus. At that point He will have everything and we will be nothing. We will find ourselves lost in His glory. Are you there yet, or are there pieces of your life that remain unsundered? Just as Mary broke the box of ointment so that every drop might be extracted, let us break our lives on His altar so that He might extract the very last drop of glory from us. That is the price of surrender! There is a story from the Middle East of four brothers who decided to have a feast. As wine was rather expensive, they concluded that each should bring an equal quantity and add it to the common supply. However, one of the brothers, thinking to escape the expense of such a contribution decided to bring water instead of wine. It was only water. Each of the four brothers had thought alike, "Let the others do it. Water is less expensive. She hath done what she could! I wonder if Jesus would be able to say the same thing about my life? Would He be able to say it about yours? Frantically she tried to get loose as a train approached around the curve. Her husband desperately attempted to free her.

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*She hath done what she could - She has showed the highest attachment in her power; and it was, as it is now, a sufficient argument against there being any "real" waste, that it was done for the honor of Christ.*