

"Cross-Eyed Giving in a Getting World"
Matthew 26:6-13
Faith Promise Sunday - April 25, 2010
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Why: We Need a Passion for Giving to Missions

- Glorify God by carrying out the Great Commandment/Great Commission
- Who: the church a commissioned people, Acts 1.8
- Going- and sending where we cannot go
- Means: some people have to go cross-culturally with the gospel
- Required: Love, Prayer, Money
- How to finance: Faith Promise giving
- How should I view my faith promise gift?

A Startled Dinner Group, 26.6

- A dinner party in Bethany- it's a week before the triumphal entry
- Simon the Leper- somebody perhaps that Jesus healed?
- A broken bottle

A Stunning Gift, 26.7-13

- Costly, Sacrificial, 26.7
- Questioned... misunderstood, 26.8-9
- A smelly gift, 26.10-13.
 - Intended for worship
 - Motivation: Draw attention to the cross
 - Mary's understanding (cf. 21.1-5)
- She has done a "beautiful thing" for Jesus
- Proclamation: a surprising reward

A Searching Question: What about our giving?

- Intended for worship
- Costly, Sacrificial
- Questioned by the world: you do *what* with your money?
- Does it smell?
- Motivation: Draw attention to the cross
- Proclamation

So What About Us?

- A stunning sequel: what can I get for/from Jesus?
- How should I view the world?
- How should I view my faith promise gift?