

Mark 14:1-11
A Woman's Extravagant Love For Christ
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Outline of Mark 14:1-15:47

- 1. Mark 14:1-11 Plot and betrayal**
- 2. Mark 14:12-52 The last supper**
 - (a) Preparation
 - (b) Announcement of betrayal
 - (c) Interpretation of elements
- 3. Mark 14:53-15:47 Suffering of Christ**
 - (a) Condemned as Messiah by Jews
 - (b) Condemned as King by Pilate
 - (c) Crucified and buried as Savior

The Plot to Murder Jesus

Mark 14:1-2 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away; and **the chief priests and the scribes** were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill Him; 2 for they were saying, "Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people."

Mark 11:18 The **chief priests and the scribes** heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

Jesus Is Anointed for Burial

Mark 14:3-5 While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with **an alabaster vial of very costly perfume** of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured it over His head. 4 But some were indignantly remarking to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? 5 "For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

The Woman Had the Right Priorities

Mark 14:6-9 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. 7 **For you always have the poor with you**, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; **but you do not always have Me.** 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. 9 Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, **what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.**"

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Mark 14:10-11 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests **in order to betray Him to them.** 11 They were glad when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

1. Focus on Christ - woman anoints Jesus
2. Focus on self: - Judas betrays Jesus

Applications

Christ honored this woman's worship for the following reasons:

- 1. Her act was done out of love for Christ
- 2. Her act was sacrificial and complete

1. Her Act Was Done Out of Love for Christ

Mark 14:6 ESV But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

1. Christ Honors Service Done in Love for Him

Matthew 25:37-40 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or naked and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.'

2. Her Act Was Sacrificial and Complete

- Vs. 3 "After **breaking open the jar**, she poured it on his head."
- Vs. 8 "**She has done what she could**; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial."

Mark 12:42-44 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. 43 Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; 44 for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, **put in all she owned**, all she had to live on."

2. Our Call to "Complete" Works

Revelation 3:2 **Wake up**, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

1 Peter 2:5 ...you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
