# Her Expression of Love
# Mark 14:1-11
# Lesson #56
# 10-25-26

***Mark 14:1a** "Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill Him."*

***Mark 14:1b** "… and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill Him."*

***Mark 14:2** "But not during the festival," they said, "or the people may riot."*

## I. Jesus <u>accepted</u> an invitation to dinner from Simon the Leper.

### A. Jesus was in the <u>hometown</u> of His friends.

### B. Jesus was at the <u>home</u> of Simon the Leper.

***Mark 14:3a** "While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, …."*

***John 12:2** "Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him."*

## II. Jesus was <u>adored</u> and worshipped by Mary at the dinner.

### A. Mary's adoration involved giving her <u>treasures</u>.

***Mark 14:3b** "… a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head."*

***John 12:3** Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."*

### B. Mary's adoration included the gift of her <u>time</u>.

## III. Jesus saw the <u>anger</u> and opposition of Judas and others at dinner.

### A. Judas hurled his criticism at Mary who worshipped the Lord.

***Mark 14:4** "Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?"*

***Matthew 26:8** "When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why the waste?" they asked."*

***John 12:4** "But one of the disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected."*

### B. Judas hid his true motives from others.

***Mark 14:5** "It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly."*

***John 12:5** "Why wasn't this perfume sold, and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."*

***John 12:6** "He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it."*

***I Timothy 6:10** "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."*

### C. Jesus halted the critical statements of the disciples.

***Mark 14:6a** "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? …."*

***James 5:9** "Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!"*

### D. Jesus was happy with Mary's ministry.

***Mark 14:6b** "… She has done a beautiful thing to me."*

***Mark 14:7** "The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me."*

***Mark 14:8** "She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial."*

***Mark 14:9** "Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."*

## IV. Jesus' enemy arranged for the betrayal of Jesus.

***Luke 22:3** "Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve."*

***Mark 14:10** "Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them."*

***Mark 14:11** "They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So, he watched for an opportunity to hand him over."*

***Matthew 26:5** "And asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?" So, they counted out for him thirty silver coins."*

***Psalm 41:9** "Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me."*

***Zechariah 11:12** "I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So, they paid me thirty pieces of silver."*

***Zechariah 11:13** "And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter" – the handsome price at which they priced me! So, I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD to the potter."*

## How can we apply this lesson to our life?

### A. We should delight in serving the Lord.

***Mark 12:30** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."*

***2 Corinthians 5:9** "So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it."*

### B. We should not be derailed by criticism of others.

***Proverbs 29:25** "Fear of man will prove to be a snare. But whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe."*

### C. Will you be remembered as someone devoted to Jesus?

***Mark 14:9** "I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."*