



“A Beautiful Act of Adoration”

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Mark 14:1-11

CALCULATION (vv. 1-2)

ADORATION (v. 3)

FRUSTRATION (vv. 4-5)

Worship doesn't seem to make logical sense. Unless you know God!

CORRECTION (vv. 6-8)

A beautiful thing

Doing good for the poor—an ongoing opportunity

Anointing the body of Jesus for burial? A unique moment in all of history

UNFORGOTTEN! We are talking about it today. (v. 9)

With Judas, quite the OPPOSITE. What a contrast: Worshipper vs. Opportunist

Notice: Being an “insider” doesn't make you a Christian.