

A Study in the Gospel of Mark 8-16

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The Plot, Mark 14:1-11

1 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, **2** for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,[a] 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. **4** There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? **5** For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii[b] and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. **6** But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. **7** For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. **8** She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. **9** And 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.”

Judas to Betray Jesus

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

- a. Mark 14:3 *Leprosy* was a term for several skin diseases; see [Leviticus 13](#)
- b. Mark 14:5 A *denarius* was a day's wage for a laborer

1. The Conspiracy
2. There is a plot (Mark 14:1-2)

- 3. Jesus is anointed (Mark 14:3-9)**
 - A. The cost of worship**
 - B. A life worth living is attached to the Gospel**
- 4. Jesus is betrayed (Mark 14:10-11)**