

THE GOSPEL OF
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A Life Poured Out
Mark 14:1-11

The Plot

“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 looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him. ‘But not during the Festival,’ they said, ‘or the people may riot.’”
Mark 14:1-2

The Anointing

*“While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, 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.**”*

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, ‘Why this waste of perfume?...’ And they rebuked her harshly.

*‘Leave her alone,’ said Jesus. ‘Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me... She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand **to prepare for my burial.**’”*
Mark 14:3-8

The only full life is a life poured out in devotion to Christ.

The Betrayal

“Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.”
Mark 14:10-11

The Anointed One

*Jesus **“emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant... And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*
Philippians 2:7-8

Digging Deeper

1. As you imagine being in the room for this event, what feelings and thoughts flood your heart and mind?
2. Study Matthew 26:6-13 and John 12:1-8 for parallel reports of this story.
3. Explore a separate but similar story in Luke 7:36-50. What does it mean that the one who is forgiven little, loves little while the one who is forgiven much, loves much?
4. How have you sought a full life apart from Christ?
5. What would it look like practically for you to pour your life out in love and devotion to Jesus?