



Mark 14

Closing in on Jesus death

Religious leaders prepare their plot for Jesus death

Jesus prepares his disciples for his death

Mark 14:3-9 (John 12)

ver 3

-Jesus is relaxing at Simon's house

-a woman (Mary) anoints him with costly perfume

-it was probably her entire savings

-it was estimated to be worth a year's wages

-she breaks it and pours the whole thing on Jesus head

-it is a crazy act of worship of Jesus

ver 4-5

-they ridicule her for using it this way instead of selling it and giving it to the poor

-Judas started this outrage because he wanted to pocket the money

-Others probably jumped on more for more noble reasons

-What would you have done?

-Why would you have wanted it used differently?

John 12:6 tells us about Judas's heart

-this is why we have multiple people of integrity handling the money in the church

1) greed, selfishness

-our selfishness can hold us back from generously as we could

-our selfishness can effect where we give

*only give money to things I get some return from

-there is no material benefit to Mary in her gift

2) That is so wasteful

Who defines what is valuable?

-whats meaningful to me might not seem meaningful to you

ver 6

-Jesus said it was a beautiful thing

-its not really my thing but it may be beautiful to someone else

-most importantly, what does God say is valuable

ver 7-8

-Jesus doesn't say that serving the poor isn't important

-but worshiping Jesus is the most important, especially in this moment

*we can become more about a cause then about Jesus

*simply worshiping Jesus is valuable

-just dwell on who God is from the Bible, not look for the next task

-pray and tell God how amazing he is, not just give him my list of requests

-just be still and know that He is God

*Jesus in his last hours didn't try to help a lot of people, he just wanted to eb with his disciples

-ultimately Jesus just wants to be with you

-we give and we serve not just so people can have a better life but so they can know that Jesus wants to be with them too