Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

II. The ***Sacrifice*** of the **Servant** (11:1-16:20)

C. **His *Teachings*** in **Jerusalem** (11:20-14:11)

1. The ***Power*** of **Faith** (11:20-26)
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7. The ***Personal*** **Devotion** of **Mary of Bethany** (14:1-11)

14 Now the **Passover** and **Unleavened Bread** were **two days away**;
and the **chief priests** and the **scribes** were seeking how to **seize** **Him** (Jesus)
by **stealth** and **kill** ***Him***; **2** for they were saying,

"**Not** during the **festival**, otherwise there might be a **riot** of the **people.**"

3 While **He** was in **Bethany** at the home of **Simon the leper**,
and **reclining** *at the table*, there came a **woman** with an **alabaster vial**
of **very *costly*** **perfume** of pure **nard**;
and she broke **the vial** and **poured it** over **His head**.

4 But **some** were **indignantly** *remarking* to one another,
"***Why*** has this **perfume** been **wasted?**

5 For this **perfume** might have been **sold** for over **three hundred denarii**,
and *the money* given to **the poor**." And they were **scolding her**.

6 But **Jesus said**, "**Let her alone**; why do you **bother her**?
She has done a **good deed** to **Me.**

[7] For you **always** have **the poor** with you,
and whenever you wish you can **do good** to them;
but you **do <u>not</u>** always **have <u>Me</u>**.

[8] **She** has done what **she could**; **she** has **<u>anointed</u> My body** beforehand for the **<u>burial</u>.**

[9] **Truly** I say to you, wherever the **gospel** is **preached** in the **whole world**,
what this **<u>woman</u> has done** will also **be spoken of** in **<u>memory</u> of her**."

[10] Then **Judas Iscariot**, who was one of the **twelve,**
went off to the **chief priests** in order to **<u>betray Him</u>** to **them**.

[11] They were **glad** when they heard *this*,
and **promised** to give him **money**.
And he *began* **seeking *how*** to **<u>betray Him</u>** at an **opportune time**.

<u>Message Outline</u>

A. A ***Conspiracy*** **Determined** (14:1-2)

...and the **chief priests** and the **scribes** were **seeking** how to **seize Him**
by ***stealth*** and **<u>kill *Him*</u>**;..(14:1b)

B. A ***Consequential*** **Anointing** (14:3)

"**She (Mary)** has **done** what **she could**; **she** has ***anointed*** **My body**
beforehand for the **<u>burial</u>**." (14:8)

C. A ***Complaint*** about **"Waste"** (14:4-5)

But **some** were **indignantly** *remarking* to one another,
"***Why*** has this **perfume** been **<u>wasted</u>?** (14:4)

D. A ***Critical*** **Response** from **the Lord** (14:6-8)

But **Jesus said**, "**Let her alone**; why do you **bother her**?
She has done a **<u>good deed</u>** to **<u>Me</u>**." (14:6).

E. A ***Commemorative*** **Declared** (14:9)

"... wherever the **gospel** is **preached** in the **whole world**,
what **this <u>woman</u>** has **done** will also be **spoken of** in **<u>memory</u>** of **her.**"

F. A ***Co-conspirator*** among **the Twelve** (14:10-11)

Then **<u>Judas Iscariot</u>**, who was one of the **twelve**,

went off to the **chief priests** in order **to betray Him** to **them**. (14:10)

Personal Reflection

Mary of Bethany: A ***Portrait*** of **Faith, Love** and **Devotion**

A. **Mary**, along with her sister **Martha** and brother **Lazarus,** were **followers of Jesus**, and extended **love** and **hospitality** to **Him** when **He** journeyed to **Jerusalem**.

Now as they (**Jesus** and **His disciples**) were traveling along,
He entered a village; and a woman named **Martha**
welcomed Him into **her home**. (Luke 10:38)

Now **Jesus loved Martha** and her **sister (Mary)** and **Lazarus**. (John 11:5)

B. **Mary sat** at the **feet** of **Jesus** and **listened** to **His teaching**.

She (Martha) had a sister called **Mary**,
who was **seated** at the **Lord's feet**, **listening** to **His word**.

But **Martha** was **distracted** with all her **preparations**;
and she came up ***to Him*** and said,
"Lord, do You not care that **my sister** has **left me** to do all the **serving alone**?
Then tell her to **help me**."

But **the Lord** answered and said to her,
"Martha, Martha, you are **worried** and **bothered** about **so many things**;

but *only* **one thing** is ***necessary***, for **Mary** has chosen the **good part**,
which shall **not** be **taken away** from her."(Luke 10:39-42)

C. **Mary believed** in **Jesus**, and that **He** had the **power** that could have **healed** her **sick brother** from **death.**

Therefore, when **Mary** came where **Jesus** was, she **saw Him**,
and **fell** at **His feet**, saying to **Him**,
"**Lord**, if **You** had been **here**, **my brother** would **not** have **died**." (John 11:32)

D. **Mary,** in both a **bold** and **humble** act of **faith**, **devotion**, and **love,** broke her alabaster vial of **very *costly* perfume**, and **poured it** over **Jesus' head** and upon **His feet**. According to the **Messiah Jesus,** her *selfless* act of **faith** and **devotion** was in ***preparation*** for **His** upcoming **death** and **burial**.

While **He (Jesus)** was in **Bethany** at the home of **Simon** the **leper**,
and ***reclining*** *at the table*, there came **a woman** with an alabaster vial
of **very costly perfume** of pure nard;
and she broke the vial and poured it over **His head**...

...**Jesus** said,."**She** has done what **she** could:
she has **anointed My body *beforehand*** for the **<u>burial</u>**." (Mark 14:3,8)

Jesus, therefore, **six days** before the **Passover**, came to **Bethany**
where **Lazarus** was, whom **Jesus** had ***raised*** from the **dead**.

So they made **Him** a supper there, and **Martha** was **serving**;
but **Lazarus** was one of those ***reclining*** *at the table* with **Him.**

Mary then took a pound of **very costly perfume** of pure nard,
and **anointed** the **<u>feet</u>** of **Jesus** and **wiped His feet** with **her hair**;
and the house was **filled** with the **fragrance** of the **perfume**. (John 12:1-3)

E. **Mary** faced ***ridicule*** and ***scolding*** by **Judas** and **others** after she had **anointed Jesus** with her **costly perfume**. They claimed that it was a ***waste*** of **money** that could have been **given** to the **poor** (14:4-5).

Jesus firmly defended Mary's *selfless* act of **<u>faith</u>** and **<u>devotion</u>**, and declared that what **she had done** would be **<u>remembered</u>** by all throughout the **ages.**

"... wherever the **gospel is preached** in the ***whole world***,
what this **<u>woman</u>** has ***done*** will also be **spoken** of in **<u>memory</u>** of **<u>her</u>**." (14:6, 9)

<u>Closing Exhortation</u>