

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: HIS FINAL EVENING

MARK 14:1-9 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, for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people. And 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. There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to Me. 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. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. 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."

- See **Matthew 26:3-5** with **John 11:45-53**. Jesus raised Lazarus about two month prior.
- Compare with **Matthew 26:6-13** and **John 12:1-8**. Most believe this happened before His entrance into Jerusalem. Remember, chronological order wasn't as important as theme.
- John's account reveals the woman - Mary. She's being criticized (again) for her actions.
- It seems like she's the only listening to what Jesus has been saying. He's going to die.
- I'm impressed, yet again, not by the words of the majority, but the actions of the few.

MARK 14:10-11 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray Him.

- Satan has entered his heart (**Luke 22:3**). He'll do it again this evening (**John 13:27**).
- **John 12:5** reveals Judas as the one who voiced a concern about Mary waisting the perfume.

MARK 14:12-21 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where will You have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

- **John 13:27** Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."

MARK 14:22-25 And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

- They were eating the Passover meal (See **Exodus 12** - Lamb, unleavened bread, bitter herbs). It was a reminder of what God had done for His people. It's about His goodness and grace.
- We're not reiterating the Passover. Jesus fulfilled the Passover. He is the Lamb of God - our Passover Lamb (**1 Corinthians 5:7**).
- They ate the bread (which is His body). His body was given for mankind. They drank the fruit of the vine (blood of the new covenant which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin).
- When we eat and drink we're proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes! It's all so simple and straightforward, yet so powerful. It makes us think of His love, His victory, & our victory through Him. We're reminded of God's promises made six centuries before Jesus to the Prophets regarding this new covenant. We're reminded of the fulfillment of God's plan to all mankind through Abraham - realized in Jesus. It's stating our love and allegiance to the one and only God! So much is represented. It's a powerful supper with each other and Him!

MARK 14:26-31 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to Him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

- Do they understand? Did they hear Him say, "But after I am raised up . . . "?
- Peter is willing to fight for his life, but will he lay it down like Jesus?
- **Luke 22:31-32** "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."