

**Series "The God Who Serves"**  
**"Extravagance Of Love"**  
**Mark 14:1-11**  
**Study-56**

**Our Passage Reveals Some Extreme Emotions And Actions:**

- 1. The Religious leaders** – Demonstrated Hatred/Murder For Jesus.
- 2. Mary** – Demonstrated Great Sacrificial Love.
- 3. Judas Iscariot** – Disloyal Disciple, Turned Traitor.

**No Neutrality With Jesus: Matthew 12:30**

**Our passage is in Matthew 26:1-16; Mark 14:1-11; Luke 22:1-6; John 12:1-11**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "In Our Devotion To Jesus, There Will Be Times That Will Call For Acts Of Extravagant Love."

- 1. Verses 1-2 – Religious Deception**
- 2. Verses 3-9 – Mary's Devotion**
- 3. Verses 10-11 – Judas' Disloyalty**

**1. Verses 1-2 – Religious Deception:**

Mark 14:1

Luke 22:1 – "Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover,"

Passover – on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of "Nisan"; Unleavened Bread – the 15<sup>th</sup> day of "Nisan".

Passover – Exodus 12 (Passover – jump over)

Unleavened Bread – Exodus 12, Commemorated Jewish nation's preparations to leave Egypt. They had to depart quickly; had no time to leaven the bread.

"was two days off;" – This would make it Tuesday evening, Jewish time it was Wednesday (They based a day from sundown to sundown).

"stealth," – "decoy, craft, deceit, guile"; "and kill Him;" – to murder Jesus.

Mark 14:2

Proverbs 19:21

## **2. Verses 3-9 – Mary’s Devotion:**

Mark 14:3

“And while He was in Bethany” – John 12:2

Why did Mark and Matthew place it in this context? (Mark Turns Topical Versus Chronological Order)

“and reclining at the table,” – (K.J.V. Sat at meat) a “Dinner Party”

John 12:2 – “So they made Him a supper there,”

John 12:2 – “Martha was serving;” (Martha Represents Christian Service).

“but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him.” – Jesus raised him from the dead, John 11 (Lazarus Represents Christian Fellowship).

“a woman” – John 12:3 says it is Mary. She is known by always being at the feet of Jesus. 3X Luke 10:38-42; John 11:31-32; 12:1-8 (Mary Represents Christian Devotion).

“of very costly perfume of pure nard;” – “Nard”, or Spikenard”

### **I Want To Point Out 8 Things About Mary’s Love For Jesus:**

1. Verse 3 – Mary’s Love For Jesus Was Extravagant: “very costly perfume of pure nard;” Mark 14:5

2 Samuel 24:24

2. Verse 3 – Mary’s Love Wasn’t Secret, It Was Public: “she broke the vial and poured it over His head.”

John 12:3

3. John 12:3 – Love’s Fragrance Filled The House: John 12:3

Mark 14:4

4. Verses 4-6 – Mary’s Love And Devotion Was Misunderstood: “But some were indignantly” – Literally, “very displeased”.

John 12:4-6 – says that it was Judas Iscariot

“perfume been wasted?” – “to destroy fully, to perish, or lose, to die”; literally we would say, “It was one total loss, It was wasted.”

**Mary’s Name Is Mentioned 3X In Scripture And Each Time It Is Associated With Misunderstanding:**

1. Mary’s sister Martha misunderstood her when Mary sat at Jesus’ feet to hear Him teach the Word. Luke 10: 40
2. Mary’s friends and neighbors misunderstood her when she came out of the house to meet Jesus after Lazarus had been buried. John 11:28-31
3. Judas and the other disciples misunderstood Mary when she anointed Jesus.

Mark 14: 4

Mark 14: 5

“three hundred denarii,” – A Denarii, day’s wage, 20-25 cents. 300 – \$50-60

John 12: 6

“And they were scolding her.” – Literally, “to snort like a horse.”

Mark 14: 6

“She has done a good deed to Me.” – Literally “an excellent, noble, beautiful work.”

Mark 14: 7

Deuteronomy 15: 11

5. Verse 7 – Mary Seized On An Opportunity To Love Jesus: “but you do not always have Me.” – The ultimate priority is to worship Jesus.

Mark 14:8

6. Verse 8 – Mary Was Creative In Her Love: “She did what she could.” – Literally, “she has done the great thing which the occasion offered.”
7. Verse 8 – Mary’s Love Was Insightful: “she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial.”
8. Verse 9 – Mary’s Love Inspires: Mary’s life is an example of what happens when the Savior’s love touches us – we begin to love!

### **3. Verses 10-11 – Judas’ Disloyalty:**

Mark 14:10

“And Judas Iscariot” – Judas – Means “praise, Jehovah leads”; Iscariot, the root word means “to be a man, act in a manly way, show oneself a man.”

Mark 14:10, 17, 20, 43

John 6:70

Luke 22:3

John 17:12 – “son of perdition”, literally means “son of waste”.

Mark 14:11

“and promised to give him money.” – Matt. 26:15

Ex. 21:32

### **Application:**

1. The Enemies Of Jesus Christ Are Powerless To Frustrate God’s Plans And Purposes.
2. Mary’s Love For Jesus Was Not Private, It Was Expressed Publicly And It Left A Fragrance For All Eternity.
3. Judas’ Life Is A Sobering Reminder To Those Who Pretend To Serve Jesus Christ Whose Hearts Are Far From God. Judas Not Only Wasted His Opportunities, But Also His Life.