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The Gospel of Mark Mark 14:1-11 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

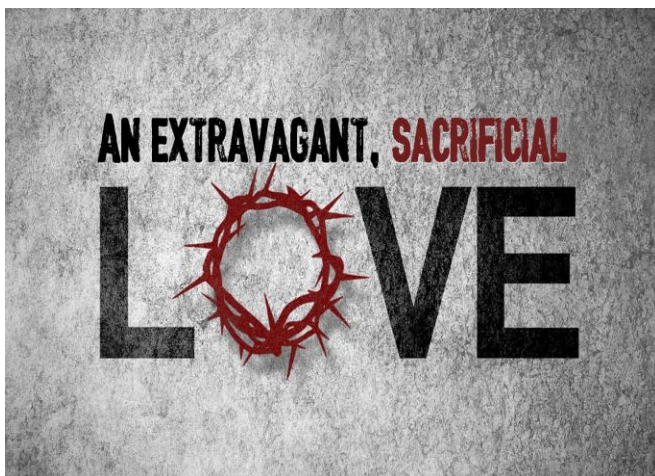
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we start chapter 14 of Mark. We see a woman pour a very expensive jar of ointment over Jesus' head. The disciples and others that are there start to condemn the woman for wasting a valuable resource. On the surface it seems that the disciples are trying to have good stewardship which should be commended. However, Jesus defends the woman and admires her commitment to Him. What we have to ask ourselves is, how can we show an extravagant sacrifice like this woman has done? How can we love the Lord that profusely?



Mark 14:1-11 New English Translation

The Plot Against Jesus

¹ Two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ² For they said, "Not during the feast, so there won't be a riot among the people."

Jesus' Anointing

³ Now while Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of costly aromatic oil from pure nard. After breaking open the jar, she poured it on his head. ⁴ But some who were present indignantly said to one another, "Why this waste of expensive ointment? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor!" So they spoke angrily to her.

⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a good service for me. ⁷ For you will always have the poor with you, and you can do good for them whenever you want. But you will not always have me! ⁸ She did what she could. She anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

The Plan to Betray Jesus

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus into their hands. ¹¹ When they heard this, they were delighted and promised to give him money. So Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray him.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why does the woman pour the ointment over Jesus?

9. Why does Jesus defend her action of using the ointment on Him?

10. Why does Judas look for opportunity to betray Jesus?

11. Why are the chief priests looking to kill Jesus?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

12. How can we sacrifice for Jesus in an extravagant way like the women in this passage?

13. How can we show in our life that Jesus is worthy of our praise and worship?

14. How do we balance giving to the poor and doing work for God or our local church?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES