

Serving from Love

Mark 14:1-10

- I. Sinister Plot against Jesus: The Jewish leaders were looking for an opportunity to arrest and kill Jesus (Mark 14:1-2).
- II. Personal Sacrifice for Jesus: Mary sacrificed financial security to express her love for Jesus (Mark 14:3-9).
 - A. At a dinner, a woman opens a costly perfume bottle and pours it on Jesus (Mark 14:3; *Mary* – John 12:3).
 - B. Some object saying that the money should be given to the poor (Mark 14:4-5; *Judas* – John 12:4-6).
 - C. Jesus says the woman was doing something wonderful (6).
 - D. Jesus says they can help the poor later, but she could only show her love to Him now before Jesus' burial (7, 8).
 - E. Jesus says the woman will be remembered wherever the gospel is preached (9).

Main Point: The reason we serve Jesus is because we gratefully love Him (Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Philippians 1:27).

- III. Evil Treachery against Jesus: Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to the Jewish leaders (Mark 14:10-11).
 - Judas sacrificed his relationship with Jesus for financial gain.