

Wasteful Versus Costly Worship **Mark 14:1-11**

Religious leaders seek how to seize Jesus. 14:1,2

- Sandwich structure again, as in 3:20-35, 5:21-43, 11:12-21
- A woman is yet again held up as a stellar example for us.
- Repeated intent to kill Jesus--3:6, 11:18, 12:12, Jn. 11:53

A woman attempts to show honor to Jesus. 14:3-9

- Women anointing Jesus: Lk. 7:36-50, Matt. 26:-13, Jn. 12:1-8.
Only John mentions Mary, who recently saw Jesus heal her brother (ch.11);, and only John records Jesus' foot-washing.
- It's a lot of perfume (Jn. 12:3), and it costs a lot! (\$).
- The 12's frustration / Jesus' correction recall 10:13-16, 35-45.
Could you see yourself responding as the 12?
- Jesus' defense of Mary suggests she is more aware of what He will undergo (like a predictive preparation) than the 12!

Judas seeks how to betray Jesus. 14:10-11

- Betrayal overjoys the chief priests—they now have a mole.
- At least one reason for Judas' betrayal is the money, Jn. 12:6.

Q: What does this anointing suggest about our devotion to Christ and how we express it? Consider I Chron. 21:22-24.

