

**14** THE KING'S  
ANOINTING

A STUDY OF  
**Mark**



# Chiasm of Mark 14:1-12

Passover is approaching v. 14:1-2

Chief priests scheme to kill Jesus v. 14:1b-2

**Display of extravagant love and loyalty to Jesus v. 14:3-9**

Chief priests plan betrayal with Judas v. 14:10-11

Passover begins v. 14:12



# Religious Elite

*Plot to kill Jesus*

## Mark 14:1-2 *niv*

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were **scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.** <sup>2</sup> “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

# Judas Iscariot

*Plan to betray Jesus*

## Mark 14:10-11 *niv*

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests **to betray Jesus to them.**

<sup>11</sup> They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

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The four New Testament Gospels tell multiple stories of Jesus relating to women. Poor women. Rich women. Sick women. Grieving women. Old women. Young girls. Jewish women. Gentile women. Women known for their sinfulness. Women known for their virtue. Virgins and widows. Prostitutes and prophetesses. Looking through their eyes, we see a man who valued women of all kinds...



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Indeed, the way that Jesus treated women tore up the belief that women are innately inferior to men: a belief that was pervasive in the ancient world. We should not be surprised, therefore, that women have been flocking to Jesus ever since.

- Rebecca McLaughlin, *Jesus through the Eyes of Women*





# Unnamed Woman

*Extravagant act of  
devotion to Jesus*

## Mark 14:3 *niv*

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. **She broke the jar** and poured the perfume on his head.

# Disciples' Reaction

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## Mark 14:4-5 *niv*

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, **“Why this waste of perfume?”** <sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.



# Jesus' Response

## Mark 14:6-7 *niv*

“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? **She has done a beautiful thing to me.** <sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.”



*How much is  
Jesus worth?*



THE INFINITE WORTH OF JESUS

# *He is...*

The *alpha* and *omega*, beginning and end.

The *creator* and *sustainer* of all things by his powerful word.

The *snake crusher* promised to Eve.

The *blessing to the nations* promised to Abraham.

The promised *King* in the line of David and *Lion of Judah*.

The prophesied suffering *servant* and *Lamb of God*.

*Immanuel—God with us*, the radiance of God's glory.

# *He is...*

The *consummation of generations* of prophecy and expectation.

The *Messiah*, Savior King, and *righteous judge* of heaven and earth.

The atoning *sacrifice* who takes away the sins of the world.

The *one who reigns* from the tree and conquers death and the grave.

The *light of the world* and the *hope for all nations*.

The *King of Kings* and *Lord of Lords*, whose kingdom will have no end.

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His life is matchless. His goodness is limitless. His mercy is everlasting. His love never changes. His word is enough. His grace is sufficient. His reign is righteous. His yoke is easy and His burden is light. I wish I could describe Him to you. But He's indescribable. Yes. He's incomprehensible. He's invincible, He's irresistible. I'm trying to tell you, the Heavens cannot contain Him, let alone a man explain Him...



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You can't outlive Him, and you can't live without Him. The Pharisees couldn't stand Him, but they found out they couldn't stop Him. Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him. Herod couldn't kill Him. Death couldn't handle Him and the grave couldn't hold Him.

- Dr. S.M. Lockridge, *He's My King* (1976)





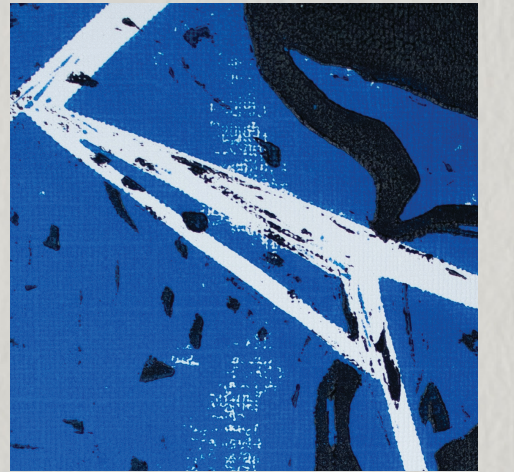
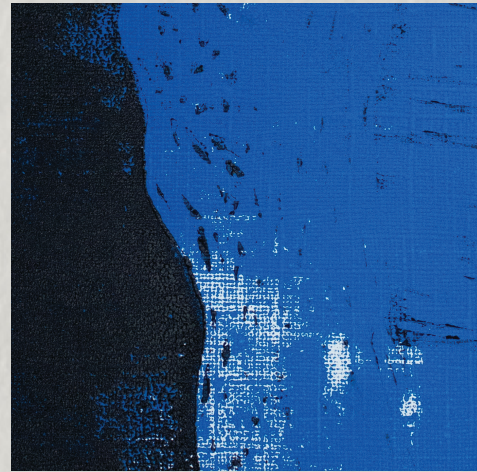
## Colossians 1:15-20 *niv*

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that **in everything he might have the supremacy.** <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.



*How much is Jesus worth?*

*The pouring out of an alabaster jar,  
and infinitely everything else.*



# Preparing the King for Burial

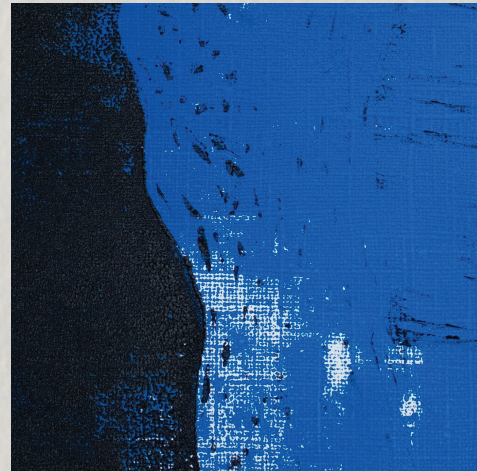
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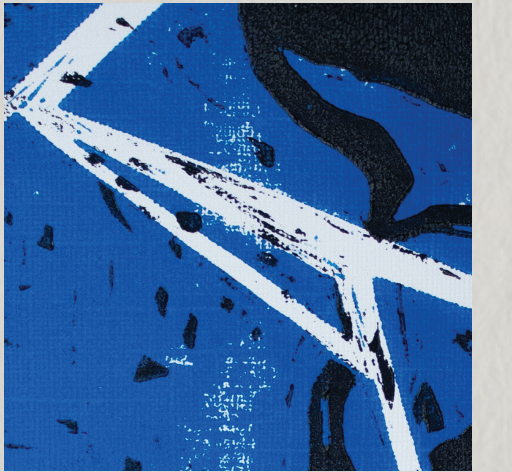
## Mark 14:8-9 *niv*

“She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to **prepare for my burial.** <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”





*How much are we  
worth to Jesus?*



# Passover Begins

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## Mark 14:12,16 *niv*

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>16</sup> The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So **they prepared the Passover.**



# Jesus' Extravagant Act of Love

## Mark 14:22-26 *niv*

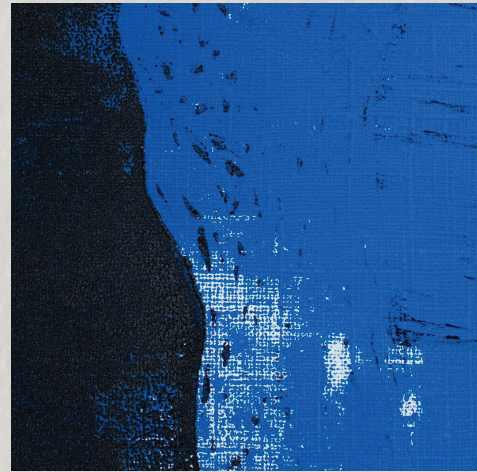
While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

<sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

<sup>24</sup> "This is **my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,**" he said to them. <sup>25</sup> "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

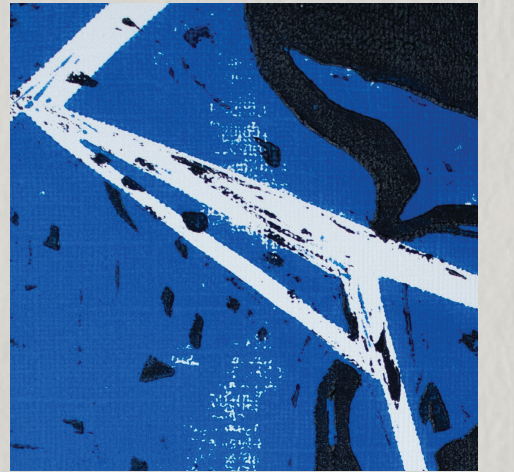
<sup>26</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.





*How much are we worth to Jesus?*

*The pouring out of his blood  
on the cross, while we were sinners.*



# Because of the good news of Jesus, we are...

Beloved adopted daughters/sons of God Ephesians 1:3-8

Disciples and friends of Jesus John 15:15

Redeemed and forgiven of all sins Colossians 1:13-14

Inseparable from the love of God Romans 8:31-39

Citizens of heaven Philippians 3:20

Established, anointed, and sealed by God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

God's living temple 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Ministers of reconciliation for God 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God's workmanship, created for good works Ephesians 2:10

Able to approach God with freedom and confidence Ephesians 3:12





Jesus is  
infinitely  
worthy of  
*wholehearted  
devotion.*

How is the Holy Spirit inviting you to respond?

“Because Christ is of infinite worth, I want to...”