



Sunday, February 27, 2022

Priceless Savior

Mark 14:1–11

Trading Up

Example: Giving up Volleyball for Something Better

Matthew 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure** hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then **in his joy** he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Righteous Judge to Willing Sacrifice (11-13 to 14-15)



Malachi 3:1–3 (Mark 1:2–3; Is 40:3)

¹ “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And **the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple**; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But **who can endure the day of his coming**, and **who can stand when he appears?** For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.

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1. Sandwich of Rejection & Betrayal (14:1–2 & 10-11)
2. A Praiseworthy Deed (14:3–9)

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Sandwich of Rejection & Betrayal (14:1–2 & 10-11)

I. The Murderous Plans of the Jewish Leaders

14 It was now **two days before the Passover** and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the **chief priests and the scribes** were **seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him**, ² for they said, “Not during the feast, **lest there be an uproar from the people.**”

II. Why Did Judas Want to Betray Jesus? (Cf. Jn. 12:1–8, greed)

(14:10-11) ¹⁰ Then **Judas Iscariot**, who was one of the twelve, **went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them**. ¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad and **promised to give him money**. And he sought an opportunity to **betray** him.

1. Why are money & favors so enticing? (Cf. Luke 22:3 – Satan)

2. Do you feel safe with Jesus?

Why is this Deed Praiseworthy? (14:3-9)

(14:3-9)³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came *with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard*, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “*Why was the ointment wasted like that?*”⁵ For this ointment *could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii* and *given to the poor.*” And they scolded her.⁶ But Jesus said, “*Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.*”⁷ For *you always have the poor with you*, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But *you will not always have me.*⁸ *She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.*⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

I. It Points to the Value of Christ's Person

No gift is too extravagant for Jesus.



A. But is it the expense? (Worth a Years Wage Cf. Mark 12:44)

2. Jesus is worth trading everything you have

Mark 10:29-30 (Cf. Matthew 13:44 – Treasure in a field)

²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, *with persecutions*, and in the age to come eternal life.

B. Do we love & want to honor Jesus like this woman?

C. The Disciples Miss the Point: What about the Poor?

3. Do people make Jesus important or...?

- Why is it good to help people?
- What makes public worship important?
- **Jesus is worthy of our lives & treasures!**
 - o He is revealing God to us!

II. It Points to Christ's Work: “Preparation for Burial...”

A. Jesus is willingly embracing his mission...

B. Did the woman understand this?



4. Understand the value of what we have been given!

5. Jesus, our God/King loves us!

Meditate on Mark 11–16 for Coming Sermons

(We will cover the rest of Mark 14:12–42 **Sunday, March 5**)

- I. Read **Mark 14:12–42** several times. How is this story organized? What is the relationship between the different episodes?
 - II. How does this text teach us something about Jesus and/or his mission? Is there a pattern for the Christian life exemplified here? What are we being warned against? What are we being instructed to do?
 - III. Sum up the main point in **Mark 14:12–42** in one short sentence.
 - IV. How does this text change/strengthen how you think, act or feel as a Christian?
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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Do you feel secure in Jesus? What other ways do you chase security in people or money?
2. Do you understand how valuable Jesus is? Does your heart know it?
3. Does Christ's willingness to suffer for you help you to be willing to sacrifice for him?
4. Is there anything in your life you would be unwilling to sacrifice for Jesus? Who can you talk and pray about this with?
5. Pastor Steve said that Jesus is the reason it is good to help the poor. Do you understand and/or agree with this? Why or why not? What biblical principle informs your understanding?