

MARK 14:1-31 (NASB)

14 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill *Him*; ² for they were saying, "Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people."

³ While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining *at the table*, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; *and* she broke the vial and poured it over His head. ⁴ But some were indignantly *remarking* to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵ For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and *the money* given to the poor." And they were scolding her. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. ⁹ Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. ¹¹ They were glad when they heard *this*, and promised to give him money. And he *begun* seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover *lamb* was being sacrificed, His disciples **said* to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And He **sent* two of His disciples and **said* to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' ¹⁵ And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready; prepare for us there." ¹⁶ The disciples went out and came to the city,

and found *it* just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When it was evening He **came* with the twelve. ¹⁸ As they were reclining *at the table* and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me." ¹⁹ They began to be grieved and to say to Him one by one, "Surely not I?" ²⁰ And He said to them, "*It is* one of the twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl. ²¹ For the Son of Man *is to* go just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been* good for that man if he had not been born."

²² While they were eating, He took *some* bread, and after a blessing He broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, and said, "Take *it*; this is My body." ²³ And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I say to you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ And Jesus **said* to them, "You will all fall away, because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.' ²⁸ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ²⁹ But Peter said to Him, "*Even* though all may fall away, yet I will not." ³⁰ And Jesus **said* to him, "Truly I say to you, that this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times." ³¹ But *Peter* kept saying insistently, "*Even* if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all were saying the same thing also.

Opening Discussion Questions

a. What's the greatest extravagance you've splurged on?

b. If you were given a one year's pay bonus, what's the first thing you'd spend any of it on (post taxes & offering)?

Bible Study Questions

1. Who was planning to kill Jesus? What was significant about how they planned to go about it and why that way?

2. Where was Jesus when he was anointed? Who anointed him? Why did this person anoint Jesus?

3. What was the reaction to Jesus' anointing? Why do you think they felt that way? Can you think of an example of where people in the church today resemble the disciples?

4. What happened prior to the disciples Passover meal? What does it tell you about the nature of God and His provision? (Gen 22:4-18, Mark 11:2, Acts 9:10-19)

5. What was Jesus' response to the disciples regarding his anointing? Why does he respond that way? Is there anything that we can learn of it today? (Deut 15:4-11, Matt 5:42, Mark 12:41-44, Gen 4:1-7, Luke 10:38-42, 12:13-21)

6. What makes up the Lord's Supper? Why is it instituted then? What's significant of the timing and elements of the meal? (Ex 12:1-20, Ex 29:38-46, Ex 24:1-10, Rev 13:8)

7. What does Jesus say about falling away? What are the disciples response? Is there any way that Christians today face the same vulnerability? In what ways could you be vulnerable and would like the church to pray for you?
