

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Were the disciples genuinely concerned about the cost of the ointment or could their objections be influenced by other motives?
2. What does the Lord's pleasure about that gift indicate to us?
3. Why could we as believers be tempted to criticize other's gifts?
4. Why would Judas want to betray Jesus?
5. Why was the kiss a symbol of betrayal?

SUMMARY:

Mary of Bethany gave spontaneous expression of her love for the Lord. Her expensive gift to Him (a year's wages of a laboring man) showed genuine devotion and worship. Have we given as much to the Savior?

People criticized, but Mary wasn't seeking popularity. She sought only to express her heart's devotion to Him. Her reward cannot be surpassed: the Lord's commendation. Judas hated. Even his kiss was a kiss of betrayal, not of love. (1 Peter 5:14) He spoke, "Master, Master"... empty words of betrayal.

Mary's act of love was genuine. Judas' pretended affection in the Garden of Gethsemane was but a terrible counterfeit.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

November 13, 2022

Fourth Quarter

THE KING - LOVED AND HATED

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 14:1-11, 43-46*

LESSON SETTING: Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper at the time of Passover.

TIME: About 33 A.D.

I. AN UNSELFISH GIFT. Mark 14:1-3

- A. A Precious Gift (vs. 3) Matthew 2:11; John 4:10; Romans 6:23
- B. An Act of Worship (vs. 3) John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1-2; Revelation 4:10-11
- C. An Act of Love (vs. 3) Matthew 10:37-38; John 3:16; 14:15, 23; 1 John 3:16-18

II. AN UNEXPECTED TRIBUTE. Mark 14:4-9

- A. Accused of "Waste" (vs. 4-5) John 12:6
- B. "She hath done what she could" (vs. 8) Luke 21:1-4
- C. Anointing for Burial (vs. 8) Mark 16:1; Luke 23:56; 24:1 John 19:40
- D. Perpetual Memorial (vs. 9) Matthew 25:21; Revelation 14:12-13

III. AN UNPARALLELED TREACHERY. Mark 14:10-11, 43-46

- A. Covenant Made (vs. 10-11) Isaiah 28:15-18; Matthew 4:8-10
- B. Judas Leads an Armed Multitude (vs. 43) Matthew 26:52 Revelation 13:10
- C. Betrayed With a Kiss (vs. 44-45) Matthew 7:21; Proverbs 27:6

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED.

Mark 14:21

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Matthew 21:28-46

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 29:9-16; Mark 12:1-12;
Luke 20:9-19

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE KING OPPOSED

INTRODUCTION:

Our service for God as believers is measured not by what we promise to do, or intend to do, or even what we say we do. It is measured by the reality of our performance.

Likewise with our believing of God's Word and turning to Him in repentance: intentions to turn to Him are worthless. (The road to hell is paved with good intentions.) A "decision" to repent and turn to Him is also worthless, "IF we never forsake our sinful ways and follow Him."

These Jewish leaders were religious. They professed to follow God scrupulously. In fact they were religious leaders of their day. But they rejected God and opposed Him. They were the Lord's greatest enemies. Finally they crucified their promised Messiah, professing faithfulness, but in reality, total rejection.

The publicans and the harlots were obviously sinful. They had at first spurned God's love. But afterward they believed the message of John the Baptist, acknowledged their sinfulness, repented, and were baptized. The Jewish religious leaders, seeing these things, still rejected both the message of John the Baptist and of Christ who followed.

Do you genuinely serve God... or do you oppose Him?

CENTRAL TRUTH: The work of the Lord may suffer reverses but His cause will ultimately triumph.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THE SAME IS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.* Matthew 21:42

The builders—the "experts" who should have known—rejected the chief cornerstone as being unfit for building the temple of God. The Jewish religious leaders, who should have known the scriptures and not only recognized their Messiah—but should then have accepted Him as such—totally rejected Jesus Christ.

But today this same Jesus Christ is the foundation and chief cornerstone of our faith. (1 Corinthians 3:9-11; 1 Peter 2:4-8) To those who reject Him, however, He "is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." Believers, as "lively stones" are built on Him and in Him to form a temple of God. The Apostle Paul, Apollos, and other faithful men since, have replaced the unfaithful, unbelieving builders of Jesus' day.

This same Jesus is the Rock of Ages and chief cornerstone to some; but a stumbling stone and a stone of judgment to others. Which is He to you?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 14 – 20

- M. *The King Opposed. Matthew 21:28-46
- T. The Joy of the Righteous. Psalm 84:1-12
- W. The Thanksgiving of the Righteous. Psalm 103:1-17
- T. Wickedness Reproved. Matthew 23:13-29
- F. Wickedness Punished. 2 Kings 17:14-23
- S. The Judgment of the Wicked. Revelation 18:1-10
- S. The End of the Wicked. Psalm 73:1-17

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