

RESPONDING TO CHRIST (Mk. 14:1-16)

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TEXT—Mark 14:1-16

MAIN IDEA—Since Jesus Christ is Lord, He's unavoidable. Our response to Christ ultimately reveals one of two realities at work in our lives: either rebellion against God or the blessing of surrender.

OPPOSITION (V1-2)— While the city prepared to celebrate Passover the enemies of Christ were preparing to murder him.

>Passover is the Jewish festival commemorating the time when the angel of the Lord passed over the homes of the Hebrews on the night He killed all the firstborn sons of the Egyptians.

Ex. 12:13

>The Feast of Unleavened Bread commemorates the Israelites departure from Egypt immediately after the Passover (lasting 7 days). Unleavened Bread was the type of bread the Israelites took with them as they escaped representing the absence of the leaven of sin in their lives and households.

Ex. 12:17-20

Jn. 10:18; Mt. 26:2

Rom. 3:10-11

WORSHIP (V3-9)— Simon the Leper hosted a get together at his home welcoming Jesus and the disciples, obviously after Jesus healed him. During this event Mary of Bethany expresses a beautiful demonstration of worship and love for Christ by anointing Jesus.

Jn. 12:2-3

LK. 10:38-42

Jn. 11:31-32

Eph. 2:3-6

>The costly amount of the oil expressed the superior value Mary placed on Jesus. This is the heart of worship!

Col. 3:16-17

Jn. 12:4-6

Col. 2:23-24

BETRAYAL (V10-11)—Judas' reflects a heart that is in rebellion against Christ. He valued money more than the LORD of creation. So he took a bribe to hand Jesus over to the religious leaders at *the most opportune time*.

Jn. 17:12

Warren Wiersbe (1929-2019)—*The disciples led by Judas criticized Mary for wasting her money! It sounded so pious for Judas to talk about the poor, when in reality he wanted the money for himself (Jn. 12:4-6)! Even in the Upper Room six days later, the disciples still thought Judas was concerned about helping the poor (Jn. 13:21-30). It is interesting that the word translated ‘waste’ in Mark 14:4 is translated ‘perdition’ in Jn. 12:12 and applied to Judas! Judas criticized Mary for ‘wasting money’, but he wasted his entire life!*

Jn. 10:27-28

Zech. 11:12-13

OBEDIENCE (V12-16) --Jesus gave specific instructions to two of His disciples in order for them to make preparations to celebrate the Passover meal. The disciples reflected humble attitudes of willingness (V12) and obedience (V16), as the Lord demonstrated His perfect sovereignty through giving precise directions that they might prepare for this special Passover meal.

Isaiah 1:19-20

Jn. 14:15; Jas.4:6

Mt.11:28; Jn.6:37, 44