

Conversations With Jesus
Women's Day of Teaching and Fellowship
April 5, 2025

Conversation 3: How Much is Jesus Worth? (Mark 14:1-11 NASB)

I. The Scheming Leaders (Mark 14:1-2)

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

II. The Sacrificial Woman (Mark 14:3-9)

³While 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. ⁴But some were indignantly remarking to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they were scolding her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. ⁹Truly 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."

- a. Her Sacrifice
- b. Her Critics
- c. Her Defender

III. The Silent Traitor (Mark 14:10-11)

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

Discussion Questions – Conversation 3

1. What things about this story either encouraged you or challenged you? Why?

2. The people in this story value Jesus in very different ways. What things are you tempted to value other than Jesus? Why?

3. How does reflecting on Jesus's costly sacrifice for you affect the way that you value Him?

4. Are there ways you've been near to the things of God without actually being near God? What needs to change for you to come to Him and know Him?