



# Wasted Love?

Mark 14:1-11

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**MARK** 

*“There is nothing we can do to  
make God love us more –  
there is nothing we can do to make  
God love us less!”*



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Mark 14:1 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;



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2 for they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people.”



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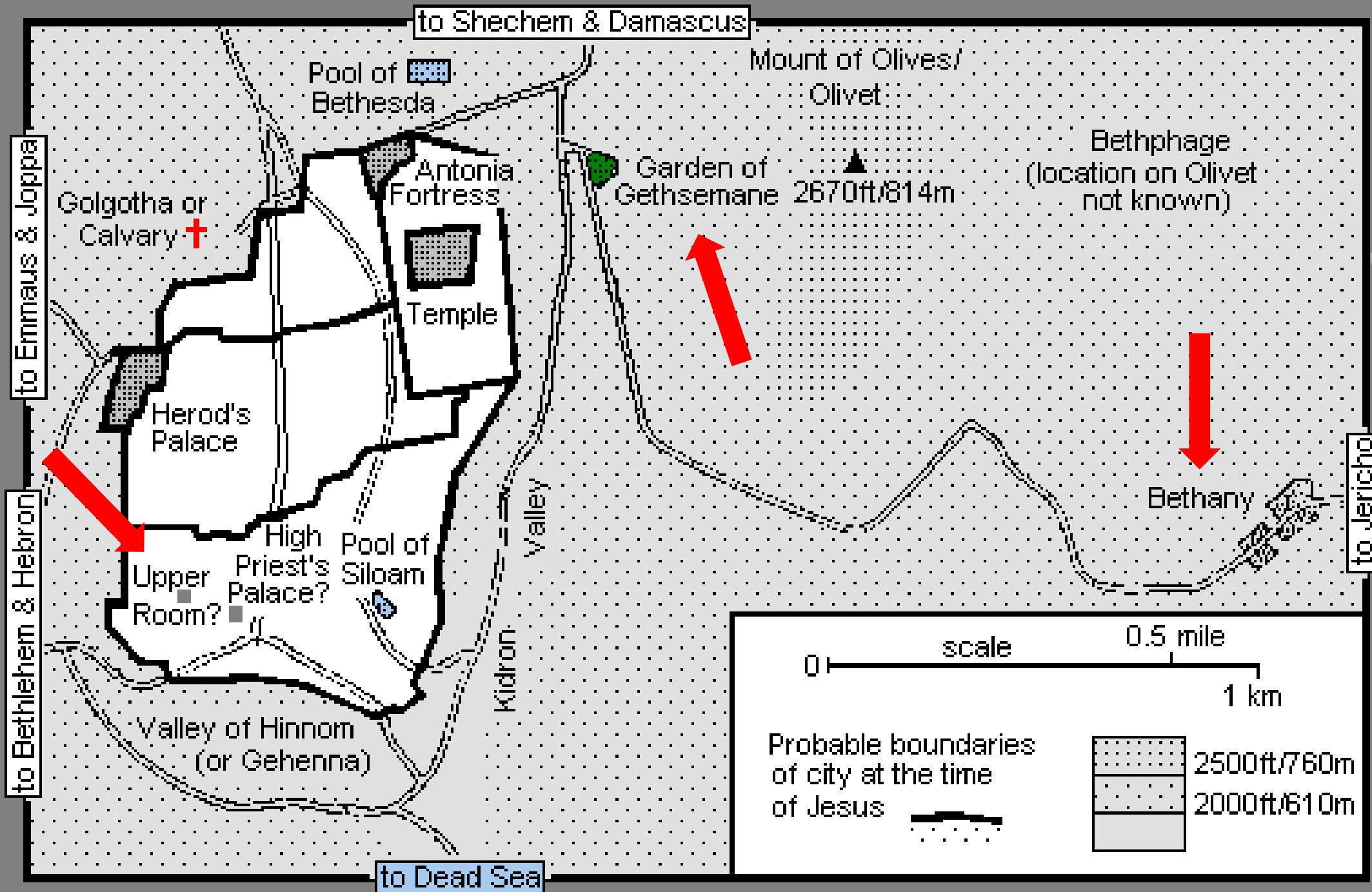
## יום ה-בכורים



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.



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# Mary's Gift 1-3

- Passover – Unleavened Bread
- Simon the leper?
- Nard?



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**MARY WAS NOT DISTRACTED**

**MARY WAS NOT DISTURBED**



*“One of the greatest evidences  
of God’s love to those that love Him  
is to send them afflictions, with  
grace to bear them.”*

John Wesley



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4 But some were indignantly remarking to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted?”



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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.



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6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone;  
why do you bother her?  
She has done a good deed to Me.



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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.



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8 She has done what she could;  
she has anointed My body beforehand  
for the burial.



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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.”



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# Disciple's Greed 4-9

- 'wasted'?
- 'scolded'
  - Jesus corrected them
  - Jesus commended her
- 'burial'?



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*“The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into our own hands.”* Martin Luther



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10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them.



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11 They were glad when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.



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# Judas' Gain 10,11

- Mary before it was too late
  - Show her love
- Judas before it was too late
  - Show a profit



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*“Though our feelings come and go,  
God’s love for us does not.” C.S.  
Lewis*



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# Wasted Love?

- Mary's love for Jesus
- Jesus' love for Judas
  - Mary's - 300 denarii = 300 days' wages
  - Judas' - 30 shekels = 120 days' wages
- God's love for us?



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*“Love is not blind; that is the last thing that it is. Love is bound; and the more it is bound the less it is blind.”*

G. K. Chesterton



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“God loves us as we are  
and too much  
to leave us that way!”



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A landscape photograph of a desert or arid region with rolling hills and mountains in the background. A small white cross stands on a prominent hill in the center. In the bottom right corner, there is a white graphic element consisting of a crown of thorns surrounding a stylized letter 'M'.

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