

# Journey Through Mark: Opportunities Taken

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## I. Staying Active

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**Key Truth:** Devotion Honors, Denial Betrays

## II. Jesus Anointed At Bethany

Mark 14:3-9

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Opportunity To Honor

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Opportunity To Teach

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## III. Judas Agrees To Betray Jesus

Mark 14:10-11

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Opportunity To Profit

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Opportunity To Betray

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## IV. Doing What We Can

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**Mid-Week Devotion** (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

*God promised His people that He would neither leave nor forsake them. This is a comforting truth and a compelling motivation for boldness in serving Him. What isn't comforting however, is how often we take the Lord's unfailing availability for granted. When we behave in this way, we drift away from devotion that honors Him and move toward denial that betrays Him.*

*When we don't invite Jesus into every area of our lives, we rob ourselves of opportunities to learn and grow from His teaching. It's not that we harm or diminish Him; rather, it's ourselves who suffer the loss. Jesus taught that obedience to His commands is a clear proof of our love for Him. Since God's will and purpose for each person are unique, obedience manifests differently in each one's life. You and I cannot, nor should we desire, to trade places. Each has their path to walk with the Lord. What is important is that we each do what we can to serve our Savior.*

*How prepared are you to turn away from potential, short-term gain in favor of certain, long-term security and peace with the Lord? Being born-again doesn't mean you will not be tempted by the Enemy or be tested by God. Are you willing to let God be the one in the place of honor in both your private and public life? When John the Baptist said that, "he must decrease so that Christ may increase," he spoke truth that is applicable to all who call Christ Savior and Lord. This is your time to be a person of bold faith who seizes every opportunity God gives to fulfill His will for your life.*

*Prayerfully consider the present opportunities God has set before you. Ask the Lord to lead you every day. Thank Him for His unfailing love.*