



## Life Questions in Search of Answers

Mark 14:1-11

### **Life has a price to pay- what price will you pay?**

Verse 3:

#### **Text Message:**

- This woman's story is about paying a price.
- The price she paid is described as "very expensive" in Matthew's Gospel and "very costly" here.
- But this woman's story is not only about the cost she paid, but the cost others paid as well.
- The late philosophy professor, Dallas Willard,

is quoted as saying that the cost of discipleship is high, but the cost of non-discipleship is higher.

- The price the woman was willing to pay was “very costly,” but the price paid by others was more costly.
- The chief priests and scribes paid a price of rejecting Jesus and lost everything they desperately tried to hold onto:  
If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” John 11:48
- And what about the price Judas Iscariot was willing to pay?
- Only in Mark is the breaking of the flask recorded, but the cost of this doesn't compare to what was broken by the others!

**Life can be boiled down to one word-  
what one word will describe yours?**

**Verse 6:**

**Text Message:**

- This woman is unnamed in both Matthew and Mark's Gospels but identified as Mary, sister

of Lazarus and Martha, in the Gospel of John (Chapter 12).

- In Matthew and Mark, the ointment is poured on Jesus' head, symbolic of Mary recognizing Jesus as both priest and king.
- In John, the Gospel highlighting Jesus' deity, Mary anoints Jesus' feet, symbolic of Mary recognizing that Jesus is divine.
- And notice how Jesus Himself describes her action: "She has done a beautiful thing to me."
- This action, a snapshot of her life, is described as beautiful.
- This word stands in contrast to the words we can use to describe the others.
- The word to describe the chief priests and scribes: Bribery. This pattern would continue in their lives (Matthew 28:11-15).
- The one word that would describe Judas: Betrayer.

**Life ends with a legacy- what legacy will you leave?**

**Verse 9:**

**Text Message:**

- What a legacy this woman left!
- The Gospel had only been preached in Judea at this point.  
Jesus had not yet given the Great Commission. No New Testaments were in print.
- Yet her legacy would be worldwide: "... **wherever** the Gospel is proclaimed in the whole world."
- This woman's legacy continues and grows as Bibles are printed in different languages and the Gospel reaches the world!
- Contrast this to the chief priests' and scribes' legacy, which faded into the dust with the temple's destruction in AD 70.
- Contrast this to Judas' legacy, as one who is forever known for betraying Jesus and the sad end of his life.

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