

MARK 14:1-11

INTRODUCTION...

- **Mark** – the Gospel to the Gentiles – showing Jesus as the servant of all - **Mark 10:45**
- **MARK 10:1-52-12:44** - THE FINAL TRIP TO JERUSALEM...
- **MARK 13:1-13** – Signs we are in the “End Times”
 - Looking at the Temple Jesus said, “Not one stone will be left upon another”
 - That prompted the disciples to ask 3 questions...
 - 1. When will these things be – the destruction of the Temple – 70A.D.
 - 2. What will be the sign of your coming – 5 things
 - 3. The end of the age – the end of the age of men – beginning of God’s Kingdom...
- **MARK 13:14-27** – The Great Tribulation & the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ
 - The Abomination of Desolation – **Daniel 9:24-27**
 - The last 7 years – the Great Tribulation
 - The 2nd coming of Jesus – Jesus comes riding out of heaven on a white horse...
- **MARK 13:28-37** – 3 signs of the rapture of the Church
 - The fig tree blossoms – the nation of Israel reborn - May 14th, 1948
 - In this generation all things will come to pass – our generation!
 - But no man no the day or the hour when Jesus will come for His church
 - As in the days of Noah – the world will have great wickedness
 - We are as the days of Noah – the world has rejected God and run after sin
 - The only way to escape the coming judgment – like Noah – get in the boat – Jesus
 - When you least expect it – 2 men in a field/ 2 women in the city – 1 taken 1 left
 - In a day like any other – without any warning – Jesus will come for His church
 - Like a thief in the night – are you ready – ready to see Jesus face to face...

PREPARING FOR THE CROSS... vs. 1-11

- **JESUS PREPARES FOR THE CROSS IN 3 WAYS...**
 - Jesus prepares His disciples – the Passover – vs. 1-2
 - Jesus prepares for His burial – vs. 3-9
 - Jesus prepares for His betrayal – vs. 10-11
- **1ST - PREPARING THE DISCIPLES... vs. 1-2**
 - After Jesus finished his teaching on End Times events...
 - He told His disciples - in two days he would be crucified – **Matthew 26:2**
 - That Jesus was going to die should not have been a surprise to the Disciples
 - This is the 3rd time we read He had told them this was going to occur
 - **Mark 9:31, Mark 10:33** – Jerusalem/Betrayal/Crucifixion/Resurrection
 - This the first time Jesus tells them exactly when He would be crucified – Passover
 - History of the Jewish feast of “Passover”– (*Holy Friday – the Last Supper*)
 - The nation of Israel had been in captivity to Egypt – slaves for 400 years- **Exodus 12**
 - God sent Moses to deliver them from the Pharaoh – bring them out of bondage

- God sent 10 plagues on the Egyptians – ending with the ‘Death Angel’ (1st born)
- The Jews were spared – IF – they put the blood of a lamb on their doors
- Then the Death Angel would “Pass-over” them and they would be saved
- It was through the “Passover” God brought his people out of slavery / bondage
- The feast of Passover has been required every year since (3000 years)...
- To remember - but not only to remember – it looked forward to...
- Jesus - THE Lamb of God – who came to take the sin of the world
 - **John 1:29**–“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”
 - Jesus is THE Passover Lamb – it is through his death sin “passes over” us
 - We are freed from the bondage of sin – slavery to king of this world (*satan*)
 - Jesus being crucified on Passover was no accident – it was prophecy fulfilled!
- “Then” the chief priests & scribes gathered at the palace of Caiaphas (*High Priest*)
 - The puzzled over how – NOT IF - to kill Jesus...
 - The Triumphal Entry (*Palm Sunday*) the crowds had worshiped Jesus...
 - Jesus had overthrown the money changers in the Temple (*den of thieves*)...
 - Parable of the Vineyard – Jesus attacked the leaders – and they knew it...
 - Jesus silenced the Herodians, Sadducees, & Pharisees when they sought to trap Him...
 - And openly declared to the people to beware of these religious leaders!
 - They had been embarrassed – shamed – shown for who they really were
 - The leaders had enough – it was time to silence Jesus – He had to die
 - But they wanted to wait until after the Passover...
 - They feared the huge crowds in Jerusalem for the feast (*over 1 million*)
 - It was much wiser to wait until they had all gone home
 - Then they could take Jesus quietly without making a HUGE scene...
 - But in spite of what they wanted – Jesus WAS crucified on Passover
 - The reason – they were not in control – Jesus was!
 - **John 10:18**– “No one takes [my life] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.”
 - No matter how dark our circumstances might seem – God is in control
 - Men make their plans – they may have nothing but evil intentions
 - They will say what they want – and do what they want
 - But in the end – God is in control – and He uses all things for His purpose
 - Meaning we get to rest and trust – since God is for us who can be against us!
- 2ND - PREPARING FOR HIS BURIAL... VS. 6-13
 - Parallel passages - **Matthew 26:5-13, John 12:3-8**
 - Jesus came to Bethany – to the house of Simon the Leper
 - Bethany – small village on the east side of Mt. of Olives – 2 miles from Jerusalem...
 - We do not know who Simon was – we can assume Jesus healed him of leprosy...
 - Presumably Simon was giving Jesus a feast to thank Him for the healing...
 - We also know Mary, Martha, & Lazarus (*raised from the dead*) were there
 - A woman took an Alabaster bottle – full of very costly oil (4 things)...
 - 1st - the woman – Mary of Bethany – sister of Martha

- This is the same Mary who sat at Jesus feet - **Luke 10:38-42**
- Jesus had come to Bethany to the house of Mary & Martha
- Martha was busy doing many things – and demanded to Jesus Mary help
- Jesus answered – Martha you are worried and troubled about many things...
- But Mary has chosen the good part – and it will not be taken away
- Mary knew that more important than anything else – was to sit at Jesus' feet
- When you do – you realize He is in control and you don't need to worry!
- Are we worried and troubled about MANY things today...
- Rushing around – busy – no time to spare – no time to sit at Jesus feet...
- That is why we are worried and troubled – we did not find time for Jesus!
- When we take the time 1st to sit at Jesus feet – everything else falls in place
- So take the time today – sit at Jesus feet – in His Word and in Prayer
- 2nd – The Alabaster box of spikenard - (*fragrant & VERY expensive oil from India*)
 - Alabaster (*named after a town in Egypt where it was made*)
 - A glass flask that had to be cracked to open – made to hold expensive oil
 - The oil – spikenard - was worth 300 days wages (*300 denari*)
 - If the average income is P150 a day – the oil was worth P45,000!
 - This was a gift literally meant for a King – it represented a life's savings!
- 3rd - Poured onto Jesus head & feet - **John 12:3**
 - Not only did Mary pour her life savings on the head of Jesus
 - As it covered the Lord - she used her hair and wiped his feet
 - Mary was willing to give all to Jesus – content to worship at His feet
 - The Disciples were very unhappy (*one in particular*)...
 - Judas said - the oil could have been sold & given to the poor - **John 12:5-6**
 - He said this because he kept the “money box” and would steal from it...
 - Judas true motive for not liking Mary's gift – he wanted it for himself!
- 4th – Jesus rebuked the disciples...
 - Why do you trouble (*beat*) this women – she has done a beautiful thing
 - The poor you have always – and whenever you wish you can help them...
 - But Jesus was going to the cross – then heaven – He would not always be there...
 - Mary understood what everyone else seemed to miss – Jesus' Word
 - She understood that in 2 days Jesus would face the cross!
 - Mary had anointed Jesus for His burial...
 - Why did Mary get what everyone else missed...
 - Mary was not caught up in the desire for money (*300 days wages...*)
 - She was more concerned about the eternal than the things of this world...
 - She understood that nothing was more important than knowing Jesus...
 - When we truly understand nothing is more important than Jesus
 - Not position – the respect of men –fleeing/lasting only for a moment...
 - Not money – no matter what we have – never seems to be enough
 - But simply to know Jesus – sit at his feet and worship Him
 - That is when we truly understand – His Word – and His purpose for our life!
 - Wherever this Gospel is preached in the whole world...
 - Many people try to leave their 'mark' – their name on memorials to be remembered

- But memorials crumble – names fade away – things are forgotten...
- But not what Mary did – we still talk about her ‘deed’ 2000 years later!
- The things we do for ourselves – the glory of men – are all forgotten...
- It is the things we do for the Lord that last forever – **Matthew 6:20**

● 3RD - PREPARING FOR BETRYAL... VS. 10-11

- Judas Iscariot – went to the chief priests – what are you willing to give...
 - Perhaps Judas was frustrated - by the ‘waste’ of Mary’s gift to Jesus...
 - When he saw that he could not profit from Jesus – he went looking elsewhere
 - His motive had never been to know God – serve the Lord – only self-seeking!
 - What is our motive for going to church – why do we want to follow Jesus
 - Are we only hanging around to see what we can get from the Lord
 - Thinking that we can profit from God – what happens when we find we can’t...
 - The message of the Gospel of Jesus is not about what we can get in this life
 - God does not promise us wealth in this world – He promises us eternal wealth
- 30 pieces of silver...
 - Though Judas was a disciple of Jesus – was willing to give Jesus over – for a price
 - The cost – 30 pieces of silver – about P1,500
 - Considering Mary had just offered ointment worth P45,000 to Jesus
 - Judas and the chief priest did not give much value to the life of Jesus...
 - It was the price for a dead slave - **Exodus 21:32**
 - In the end Judas sold out his inheritance of Eternal riches – being a disciple of Jesus
 - For just P1,500 (*even that he did not keep – in guilt he gave it back*)
 - What do we think is worth more than Jesus – living for Jesus – being His disciple
 - 10 million pesos – President of the Philippines – Movie star/singer...
 - If only – but even those are nothing compared to what we would give up...
 - The best this world has to offer – only last only a few years...
 - What Jesus has in store for us is eternal! Why do we sell ourselves short
 - From then on Judas sought a convenient opportunity to betray Jesus...
 - The chance would only be a few days away – on the night of Passover...
 - Satan would enter him and God would be sent to the cross to die
 - Fulfillment of prophecy – **Zechariah 11:12-13** – 30 pieces silver - princely price
 - The betrayal of Judas was not a surprise – Jesus knew it when he chose him
 - The betrayal – down to 30 pieces of silver – was all prophesied
 - So why did Jesus keep Judas around – why allow him to betray Him
 - To give him the chance to change – the chance to become like Mary...
 - If we are like Judas this morning – the Lord knows our hearts...
 - If we are caught up in the cares of this world – only looking for what we can get...
 - Jesus patiently waits for us to see – life is far more than food or money...
 - Desiring us – like Mary – to just sit at his feet and worship – because...
 - Life – true life – eternal life – is simply knowing Jesus - **John 17:3**