

# **MARK: OUR PREACHING MANUAL**

## **SIXTH DIVISION**

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<p>14:1, 2 The high priests plotted</p> <p>Priests plotted to kill Jesus People riot? Passover in 2 days</p> <p>DEATH at the hands of the priests</p>	<p>14:17-21 The betrayer</p> <p>He was one of the 12 who dipped bread with Jesus</p> <p>The betrayer was rejected</p> <p>Judas would not CELEBRATE this meal again</p>	<p>14:43-50 Jesus was arrested</p> <p>Arrested by armed crowd but why did they not arrest him while he taught in the temple?</p> <p>Silent WITNESSES</p>	<p>15:1-5 Jesus before Pilate</p> <p>Are you THE KING OF THE JEWS? A <i>question of identity: Who was the accused before him?</i></p> <p>He was accused of many things but gave no answer</p>	<p>15:28-32 Jesus' suffering on the cross</p> <p>"Others he saved, but himself he cannot save." Come down from the cross and we will believe! Others cursed him! COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!</p>
<p>14:3-9 Jesus was anointed</p> <p>Ate with Simon Costly perfume for burial The woman was to be remembered wherever the gospel was preached in the whole world</p> <p>ANOINTED by a woman</p>	<p>14:22-26 The New Covenant</p> <p>Bread &amp; cup was body &amp; blood of covenant shed for many</p> <p>Many beyond 12 would be received They CELEBRATED and one day Jesus would again CELEBRATE in the kingdom</p>	<p>14:51, 52 A young man fled</p> <p>He followed and was seized He fled naked, leaving behind the sheet he covered himself with</p> <p>Absent WITNESSES</p>	<p>15:6-15 Barabbas or Jesus?</p> <p>Barabbas the murderer</p> <p>"What shall I do then with him whom you call THE KING OF THE JEWS?"</p> <p>A <i>question of morality: Who was to be punished, the evil doer or the scapegoat?</i> Crucify him!</p>	<p>15:34-41 Jesus' death</p> <p>Darkness, noon to 3pm</p> <p>Why forsaken? Curtain of temple torn. The centurion and the women witnessed his death WOULD ELIJAH BRING HIM DOWN FROM THE CROSS?</p>
<p>14:10,11 Judas to betray Jesus</p> <p>High priests offered money to Judas</p> <p>Judas looked for the right moment</p> <p>BETRAYED by Judas</p>	<p>14:27-31 Warnings in the Mount of Olives</p> <p>All would fall away, Jesus would rise &amp; go to Galilee, Peter to disown 3 times Peter's response was, "We die first!"</p> <p>Disciples regrouped and received back. They would CELEBRATE again</p>	<p>14:53-65 The trial of Jesus</p> <p>In the house of the high priest Falsely accused of blasphemy</p> <p>Condemned to Death</p> <p>False WITNESSES</p>	<p>15:16-20 Soldiers mocked Jesus</p> <p>They placed a robe &amp; crown of thorns on him, and worshiped in a false spirit "Hail, KING OF THE JEWS!"</p> <p>A <i>question of worship: Who will be worshiped?</i> Some Caesars were worshiped as gods</p>	<p>15:42-47 Jesus' burial</p> <p>Joseph wrapped Jesus' body in linen and rolled a stone over his tomb carved from a rock</p> <p>Women saw burial</p> <p>THEY TOOK HIS BODY DOWN FROM THE CROSS</p>
<p>14:12-16 Preparations</p> <p>2 prepared the Passover</p> <p>Follow into the city a man with a jar Ask the owner of the room where I will eat the Passover with my disciples</p> <p>PREPARATIONS by the disciples</p>	<p>14:32-42 Jesus prayed</p> <p>3 groups Your will! 3 prayers The body and the spirit Intimacy with Christ is not via the flesh; intimacy is via the spirit. These 4 scenes tell us that while we live in a physical universe fellowship with Christ is in the spirit.</p> <p>CELEBRATE in the Spirit</p>	<p>14:66-72 Peter denied Jesus</p> <p>3 denials with curses The cock crowed twice in fulfillment of Jesus' word</p> <p>The (negative) WITNESS who denied being a witness</p>	<p>15:21-27 The crucifixion</p> <p>Crucifixion on Golgotha They divided his clothes</p> <p>Charge: THE KING OF THE JEWS A <i>question of authority: Who has the final word?</i></p> <p>Crucified between 2 thieves</p>	<p>16:1-8 Jesus rose!</p> <p>2 women went to the tomb</p> <p>Risen – empty tomb</p> <p>The disciples were to go to Galilee for he went before them</p> <p>HE WAS NOT THERE! HE HAD RISEN!</p>

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#### *JESUS IS OUT AND ABOUT IN PUBLIC*

##### *The Passover Lamb is selected*

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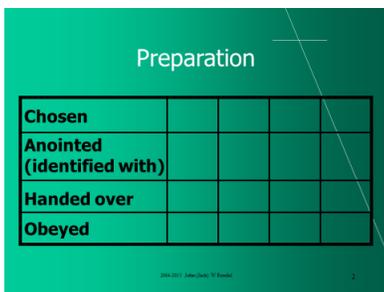
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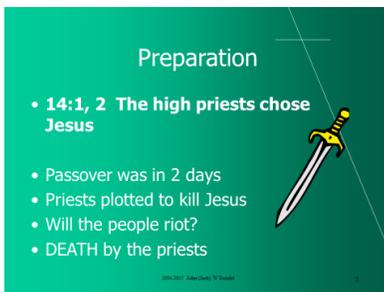


In this section of the gospel we are going to consider four stories. We find here, two groups of people who were in favor of Jesus and two against.



Two of them they were trying to find a way to betray and kill him; the other two treated him as the chosen of God and someone whom they should obey.

### I. The high priests plotted against Jesus 14:1, 2



### The Passover was in 2 days

A very special event for the Jewish nation was approaching. Jerusalem would be filled with a multitude of peoples from many lands, Jews and those converted to Judaism from all parts. Passover was a "center piece" for the nation.

### Looking for a way to kill Jesus

What a shame to have religious leaders that went about trying kill a good person! During the Middle Ages an ecclesiastical council was held at Lake Constance. They were deciding who

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should be the next pope and what powers he should have. What astounds the reader is that this council of clergy was being serviced by 1200 prostitutes!

At the same time as the council at Lake Constance, the church was condemning John Huss, the rector of the University of Budapest, Hungary, to the flames for having translated the Bible into the common language, and for having written books that presented a more biblical faith. It was not the first time nor the last time that religious leaders would kill a man of God, and even if John Huss were not a man of God, what is the church doing by executing people? The prelate of the western church who carried all this out had not even read one of Huss' books even in translation. (*Vicars of Christ*, by Peter de Rosa, "A Most Embarrassing Council", pp. 94-96, Crown Publishers, Inc.)

In many cases it was the temporal authorities that carried out the sentence determined by the religious authorities. In fact this is what occurred in the case of Jesus. The high priests sentenced him and the Roman governor executed him. The question remains, "What is the church doing, if it is the true church, by killing people?" The case of John Huss was not unique. Thousands were tortured and executed under what came to be known as the "Holy Inquisition".

### **A riot?**

The priests feared a riot amongst the people if they took Jesus in such a way that the people might be upset. The curious thing is that the high priests, were supposedly representatives of God, but they had no fear of God. They feared the people more. If someone fears God and is sure of what he is doing, he does it. It does not matter if the people are against it. This truly is a man or a woman of God, the one who boldly carries out the will of God, without fear of the people.

The characteristics demonstrated here by the high priests help us understand that they were not men of God. They occupied the place of the sons of Aaron, and they exercised certain powers, but without true spiritual authority.

### **Death at the hands of the high priests**

In spite of these realities God used the priests to carry out the killing of the Lamb of God. They were accustomed to slaughtering the sacrifices in the temple, but this time it was the Son of God they offered up to death, and they did not realize they were offering up the sacrifice to fulfill all sacrifices. We know from what happened afterwards, that in spite of the high priests' desires, Jesus died during the Passover. It is amazing to learn that after his resurrection many of the priests in Jerusalem were obedient to the faith (Acts 6:7).

The book of the Revelation tells us that in the plans of God, the Son of God was sacrificed from before the foundation of the world. The priests had their plans but God had his transcendental plan. The death of Jesus did not catch him by surprise.

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## II. A woman anointed Jesus 14:3-9



### Jesus ate with Simon

Jesus mixed with the people and in this scene he ate with a man called Simon the leper.

### A woman poured expensive perfume over Jesus

During the meal a woman came and poured a costly perfume on the head of Jesus. She broke the flask of alabaster, which contained the perfume of nard. Now there were people present who complained that this was a waste, and that it would have been better to sell it and to give the money to the poor.

Let's stop and think about how ridiculous what they were saying was. If they had stopped to think about the sheer number of miracles Jesus had done, healing the blind, the lame, the deaf mutes, the paralytics; raising the dead; casting out demons; and teaching great moral and spiritual truths to the people, they would have realized how much they owed the Teacher of Galilee. But when did most of them ever stop to think about throwing him a party, or paying him for the huge number of things he had accomplished in favor of the people? Did the high priests, or King Herod, or the Roman governor ever stop to think that they should raise a tax or contribute something of their own treasures and to give it to Jesus for all his healings? I don't think so!

Who was going to pay for all the hard work Jesus had done on behalf of so many? No one had ever stopped to think about that. Actually, no one on earth could pay. Jesus would finally pay for it all with the sacrifice of his own life. There was no way anyone in Jesus' time could have paid him for all he accomplished. It was all a free gift. We are all in debt to Jesus and if we reject all he has done then we reject him and the eternal salvation he offers. It is total lunacy to think anyone could pay Jesus for all the miracles of healing he performed much less the eternal salvation he gives. There is only one way to have what Jesus offers to us and that is to receive it as a gift.

Not only did the complainers not pay Jesus for his miracles of healing but murmured against the woman for demonstrating her love and appreciation for Jesus. That is to say that, not only did they not give anything to Jesus for all he did, but they wanted to take away the little that someone like this woman gave him. What a sad world we live in! It is enough to want to grab the world and destroy it, something that God has every right to do. And I would be the first to be destroyed! My own potential for evil is enormous!

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In reality what the complainers owed Jesus was their praise and adoration. Some days earlier, and better late than never, the people recognized him when he entered Jerusalem in that triumphant procession the week before. In fact they should have brought 1000 flasks of alabaster full of perfume of nard to pour over him. And that would have been too little.

## For his burial

We have meditated on the negative things that we find in this scene. We think now about the positive things. This woman poured the perfume on the head of Jesus. She identified with him. In the first chapters of the book of Leviticus we see how the Israelites put their hand upon the head of the animal that they brought as an offering. They brought the best of the flock, without any blemish. The animal fell under the judgment of God upon sin and the people escaped. They identified with the sacrifice which took their place under God's judgment upon sin.

The gospel does not tell us whether this woman knew what was going to happen to Jesus. The writer does not say whether she understood what the sacrifice of Jesus would mean for her. But we do see her identifying with him. It is possible that the flask of perfume represented her life, her greatest treasure and said in this act that she was giving her life to the Master. For her to have the Master was better than possessing that flask of perfume of such great value.

Jesus knew that his death approached and said that this woman was anointing him for his burial. And in a sense she represented all those who truly love the Lord, and who identify with his sacrifice on their behalf. The priests offered the sacrifices but the people were the ones who identified with that offering that they brought by putting their hand on the head of the animal.

But Jesus did not despise the poor either. It was as though he were rebuking the complainers regarding the poor, because the poor were always with them. Who worked more than Jesus for the poor? Be that as it may or not, Jesus did stand up for the woman by saying that she had done a good work to him.

## Anointed by a woman

Some seek fame, at least good fame, and others knowing that the only fame they will ever achieve will be bad, they do what is infamous. Just think for a moment about the most famous of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, at least for us of the West. One of them was Adolf Hitler, and another Stalin. Fortunately there were people of relatively good fame such as Martin Luther King and those who labored to discover some of the medicines we find so important to our health. This woman without seeking fame became famous through the Savior of the world!

## III. Judas to hand over Jesus 14:10,11



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## **Judas offered money**

In the second scene of this section of Mark we have enjoyed the beautiful story of the woman who anointed Jesus with a costly perfume. Now we return to some sad realities. The woman who anointed Jesus did it from the heart, giving him the best that she had. In this scene see how Judas is promised money if he betrays Jesus. The worst thing about the case is that he is willing to do it even before he is promised the money. In any case he would receive money for his betrayal of Jesus.

If the people owed a lot to Jesus, Judas owed even more. He had been with the Lord three years watching, listening and receiving blessing after blessing. But the moment arrived when he saw that there would be no “material” gain and chose to sell the Master.

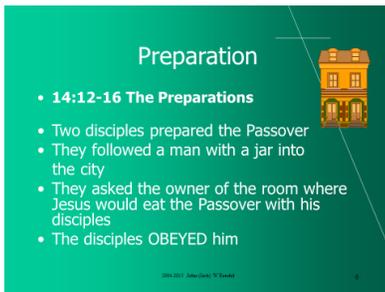
## **Always receiving, never giving**

The one great difference between the woman, who anointed Jesus, and Judas was that she gave and Judas took. We may fall into the same trap as Judas, receiving and never giving. Let's choose to both receive and give. We have received so much from the Lord so we should give from the heart. Let's give to the Lord and to others.

## **Judas looked for the right moment to hand him over**

The text says that Judas looked for the opportune moment to betray Jesus. We know that this caused the authorities to arrest him during the feast, which they did not want to do for fear of the people. The plans of the Master were taking shape.

## **IV. The disciples prepared Jesus' Passover 14:12-16**



## **Two disciples went to prepare**

Jesus sent to two of his disciples to prepare the Passover. He gave them clear, precise instructions.

## **“Where is the room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?”**

They had to go into the city and find a man that was carrying a pitcher of water. They were to ask him, “¿Where is my room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?” He would show them the place.

## **The disciples obeyed**

Maybe what makes this portion so striking is that the two followers obeyed him. When God sent through Moses the order to sacrifice the lamb at Passover he expected the Israelites to obey. If

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not, the judgment of God would fall on them. The angel of God would kill the first born of each house if not they did not pay attention to God's command (Exodus 12).

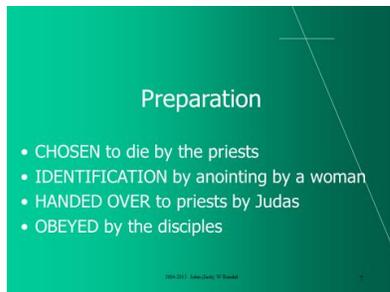
Another characteristic of one who loves Jesus is obedience. That person not only wants to give Jesus their best, their own life, but later wants to live for him, at his orders.

Those who are his enemies or indifferent to him want to get rid of him or to take advantage of him for their own material gain. This has been a scandal throughout the centuries that men have bought for their greater personal wellbeing, goods and positions of authority in what has been called the church. Others have executed brothers and sisters in the faith, who were faithful to a biblical gospel. May God have mercy on them! In the meantime we leave these things in the hands of God knowing that we can fall into the same error. We should dedicate ourselves not to revenge but to the preaching of the gospel of mercy.

## A house for the Passover

The Israelites had to eat the Passover lamb in their homes. This sacrifice, different from all the others that were eaten by the priests, had to be eaten by the people. Jesus did not have any house in Jerusalem, but someone in the city provided him with a room, an upper room, furnished and prepared. The author does not say who it was. Neither does Mark say who the woman was who came to pour the perfume upon his head. Surely these two people represented the people who sacrificed and ate the Passover lamb in their homes in obedience to what God commanded.

**Review:** Mark 14:1-16



CHOSEN by the high priests to die  
IDENTIFICATION by anointing by a woman  
To be HANDED OVER by Judas  
OBEYED by the disciples

We must decide, will we kill Jesus or crown him with the best of what we have? Will we betray him or obey him, allowing him to come into our home?

## Questions to aid in the study of this section, Mark 14:1-16:

1. In these 4 stories we find 4 groups of people relating to Jesus, two of them in a positive way and two in a negative way. How were two of them positive and how were two negative? What can we learn from these 4 groups as to how to relate to Jesus and how not to relate to him?

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2. What material thing became more important to Judas than the person of Jesus? Have we allowed material things to become more important than Jesus? What are these things and how did this happen?
3. In what ways have you learned to make Jesus more important than material things? In what ways have you learned to give to Jesus in the way that the woman who anointed him did?
4. Contrast the way the disciples obeyed Jesus and the way the priests plotted to kill him. In what way did the disciples take the place of the priests in God's kingdom? Remember that this is not a