

This Week's Text: Mark 14:1-11 – Christ Atones for our Values

Next Week: Mark 14:12-25

I. Christ's Atonement Exposes False Disciples (1-2, 10-11)

- False Disciples Are Self-Promoting (1-2)
- False Disciples Are Self-Deceived (1b)
- False Disciples Are Selfish (10a, 11)
- False Disciples Are Rarely Suspected (10b)
- False Disciples Are Under Sovereign Control (2a)

II. Christ's Atonement Encourages Faithful Disciples (3-9)

- Faithful Disciples Focus on the Cost of Christ (3-4, 6)
- Faithful Disciples Focus on the Centrality of Christ (5, 7-8a)
- Faithful Disciples Focus on the Cross of Christ (8b-9)

Corporate Reading Guide:

Read the full account of Christ's last week from Mark 14-16. Looking ahead, and remembering what we've studied before – what are some other examples of outsiders in Mark's narrative who, like Mary, grasp the Gospel unexpectedly?

Discussion Questions:

1. What impacted you and/or what did you learn from our study of Mark this week?
2. What impacted you and/or what did you learn about the Gospel? What did you learn about **God's** character, **Man's** sinfulness and need, **Christ's** atonement and how He meets our need, or God's call on us to **Respond**?
3. Read Mark 14:1-11. Mark uses a sandwich narrative to contrast these two sections and make each more impactful. What are some specific contrasts you see between Mary and Judas & the Priests and Scribes and the Disciples?
4. What "noble" or "holy" motives do we most often tend to claim to justify our secrecy, self-promotion and sin?
5. How does the fact that no one suspected Judas show us the need for self-reflection? How practically can we grow in examining our own hearts?
6. Mary saw the true cost and centrality of Christ – we know this by her sacrifice. Share an example of someone in your life who made a sacrifice that helped you see the cost and centrality of Christ.
7. Jesus said of Mary's offering "She has done what she could." How does the Cross of Christ give us hope that our impure and flawed offerings will be accepted with joy by our Lord?
8. What is one practical way you can make Jesus more central this week?