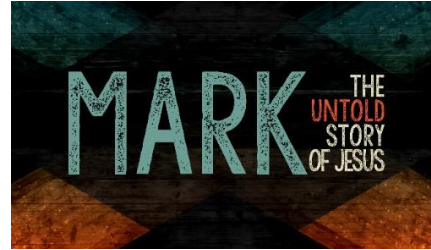


Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 46: Passion at a Dinner Party

Passage: Mark 14:1-9



Conversation Starter:

*What is the most extravagant or expensive gift you have been given?*

**Re-read Mark 14:1-9**

As this passage opens, it is spelled out clearly that the Jewish religious leaders have reached their boiling point. From what we have learned so far, what is the reason that these leaders despised Jesus enough to plot to kill him?

Suddenly in vs 3, we find Jesus in the town of Bethany having a meal in an unlikely location. Why do you think that Mark highlights the owner of the house? What does Jesus' presence in this place tell us about who he spent his time with?

Not only is Jesus in an unlikely location, his meal gets interrupted in a very dramatic way. What is significant about the fact that the woman broke the jar? Compare and contrast the reactions of those that were critical of her with those of Jesus. Is there a valid point to their criticism? From his response, what does Jesus make clear that is of most value?

Finally, Jesus proclaims something astounding in vs 9, "And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." In your own words, what was it that the woman did that received such high praise from Jesus? What do her actions display about what she believed about Jesus?

*Close your time in prayer. Ask that the Holy Spirit would highlight anything in your life that you are holding back from giving over to God. Pray for a willing heart that sees beyond the value of what is given to the infinite value of Who is receiving it.*