
Extreme Discipleship
Mark 14:1–11
September 27, 2015

Introduction:

- I. The conspiracies to destroy Jesus:
 - A. The plot by the religious authorities. Mark 14:1–2

 - B. The plot by Judas. Mark 14:10–11

- II. A woman's extravagant act of devotion. Mark 14:3–9
 - A. An extremely costly gift. Mark 14:3–5

 - B. But what about the poor? Mark 14:5, 7

 - C. Her action serves to prepare Jesus' body for burial. Mark 14:8

 - D. This woman serves as a model of the high calling to follow Jesus. Mark 14:6, 9

Questions for Reflection:

- *What does this passage teach us about Jesus?*
- *In what ways would this woman's act be extremely costly for her, requiring courage and faith?*
- *Can you think of other examples of Christians who have shown similar kinds of costly sacrifices for the sake of Christ?*
- *What are ways we might follow her example in our own lives?*