

(Mark 14:1-11 NLT) It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. ² “But not during the Passover celebration,” they agreed, “or the people may riot.” ³ Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head. ⁴ Some of those at the table were indignant. “Why waste such expensive perfume?” they asked. ⁵ “It could have been sold for a year’s wages and the money given to the poor!” So they scolded her harshly. ⁶ But Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me? ⁷ You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time. ⁹ I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman’s deed will be remembered and discussed.” ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted when they heard why he had come, and they promised to give him money. So he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

✓ Judas found Jesus _____, but Mary found Jesus _____.

✓ _____ God and _____ God look remarkably similar.

• There’s no _____ without _____.

Homework Questions

What in the message challenged you, encouraged you, or made you think?

Re-read one of the scripture passages shared. Record any new insights or observations below. **Challenge: choose one sentence in the passage to memorize.**

Based on what you learned from this message, what is your next step of obedience?

Announcements

Ready to take the next steps at New Anthem? Are you curious how you can use your gifting and skills to serve others? Join us TONIGHT for **NEXT** on **Sunday, August 23** beginning at 5:00pm at the office. Supper is provided! Please use your connection card to sign up for this event!

Join us for **Summer Sessions** this week!

- Monday, August 24: Grillout at Gowdy's (2923 E Fairchild Ct), 6:00pm. Bring your own meat to grill, all sides and drinks are provided!
- Wednesday, August 26: Ice Cream Social at Smiths' house (8 Rolling Hills Ct, Newton), 7:00pm. Bring your own chair. All ice cream and toppings are provided!
- Sunday, September 6: Tailgate Concert at the church parking lot, 7pm. Bring your own chairs and snacks and enjoy the music!

We are happy to host RightNow Media's **Marriage Night** conference! Join us **Saturday, September 12** from 6:00-9:30pm. This live broadcast includes speakers Matt and Lauren Chandler, comedian Michael Jr., and more! Signup at rightnowmedia.com. The cost is \$30 per couple and includes supper.

Surge Groups kick off September 13. We love our small groups! Sign up for a 10-week session today with a group that fits your needs!