**Worship** (His Love Endures Forever) (Lesson 4)

*(Broken for You) Mark 14:1-11*

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READ: Mark 14:1-11

1. Imagine yourself in this scene: what do you see, hear, smell, feel, think?

What might be a parallel situation today?

1. Tensions ran high. What are the various conflicts in this passage, and who are involved?
2. Jesus has shown previously he cares for the poor (Mark 10:21). What does he say about the poor here?

What does he say about himself?

1. Some of the guests call what the woman does a “waste”. In contrast, Jesus calls it a “beautiful thing”. What does the woman seem to understand that the others do not?
2. When have you been told that you were wasting something precious that you gave up to honor Jesus, or when have you thought that about another person?
3. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that this story will be told “wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, in memory of her” (V.9)?
4. Contrast Judas’ response to Jesus‘ with the woman (vv.10-11).

Given what has just taken place, what might have provoked Judas to abandon Jesus and switch sides?

1. In the next section of Mark, Jesus eats the Passover with his disciples. Similar to the woman’s actions of breaking the jar and pouring out the costly perfume to show how much she values Jesus, Jesus will break and pour out himself (Mark 14:22, 24), showing how much he values people by giving his life for them. Consider how often you think about how much Jesu loves you. How might a greater awareness of Jesus’ love for you change the way you worship, or even your life?
2. Make a list of things you value highly (such as possessions, skills, activities and relationships).

Which of these might be more valuable to you than your relationship with Jesus?

What would it look like for you to use one or more of these things to worship Jesus?

*Spend time thanking Jesus that he voluntarily died because he valued you greater than his own life*.

***Now or Later***

Worship, as this woman exhibits, involves expressing our love and devotion to Jesus, at times in ways that others won’t understand. Is there any way you have been holding back from God, in worship or in your daily life, possibly because you’re afraid of the response of others? Try telling God about this, and then take action in spite of your fears.

Reflect on how this passage might deepen the significance of your practice of Communion?

***NEXT LESSON***:

**Worship: His Love Endures Forever**

***Plantings of Praise –* READ: Isaiah 61:1-11**