

Counter-Cultural Worship

Mark 14:1-9

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I. Passover. Mark 14:1-2

On the original Passover, the Lamb's blood was to be applied to the door posts of the house. This demonstrated the house was purchased by blood. Sin cannot be atoned for, without _____! **Hebrews 9:22**

- The Passover Lamb had to come in contact with the fire, just as Jesus had to come into direct contact with the "fire" of the Father's _____ on sin, on our behalf. **Romans 6:23**

Some people who traveled to Jerusalem, who heard of the signs and wonders, and _____ Jesus was Messiah, may have gotten mad at the religious leaders so, they decided to wait to kill Jesus.

II. An extravagant gift given at dinner. Mark 14:3-5

Simon realized he literally _____ his life to his dinner guest.

- Mary enters with a grateful heart, and brings a costly gift of worship to Jesus, a bottle of very expensive perfume. Breaking open the perfume, Mary _____ Jesus with a very costly gift.

By Mary worshipping the Lord in this way, we learn true worship is always _____.

III. But Jesus. Mark 14:6-9

"Mary said, "If my precious Jesus will be mocked and tortured like this, then allow me to give Him some _____ honor." (Guzik)

1. Love for Jesus will _____ to offer Him something dear to us.
2. Love for Jesus within our lives will be _____ to others.
3. This sort of Love for Jesus is _____ to some.
4. Our gifts of love are _____ to the Lord. **Hebrews 6:10**

Abraham had to learn the difference between trusting the promise and trusting the _____ who made the Promise. **Genesis 22:1-2**

IV. Practical Application.

Authentic worship is all about people truly being moved because Jesus is the God of _____ worth. Worship is more than singing songs, worship is telling Jesus what He is worth!

- Worship is living our lives, pouring out our hearts to Jesus individually and corporately, as living _____ for His glory.

We should come to church _____ to worship the Lord, as we tune our hearts, to His heart.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 14:1-2**. The Passover was near, and it was a time to remember Israel's deliverance out of Egypt. Discuss the significance of Passover and what happened during the Passover that **Mark 14** is speaking of. **Exodus 12:1-13, Daniel 9:25-26, John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7**
2. Read **Mark 14:3**. *Where in Bethany was Jesus? What is unusual about the place He stayed?* **John 11:28-44, John 12:1-11, Luke 17:12-19**
3. Read **Mark 14:4-5** and **Matthew 26:8-9**. When the disciples saw what the woman did, *what was their attitude and reaction? Which disciple reacted that way? Why?* **John 12:4-6**
4. Read **Mark 14:3** and **John 12:3**. *Who was the woman who anointed Jesus? What motivated her to do this?* **Hebrews 6:10, 2 Corinthians 5:14, Psalm 29:2, John 4:21-24, Revelation 4:11, Psalm 100:4**
5. Read **Mark 14:6-9**. Jesus defended the woman's actions and explained why she performed them. *What was the reason for her lavish demonstration?* **1 Timothy 2:6, Mark 10:45, Matthew 16:21**
6. Discuss the three fill ins within the practical application section of the sermon notes.