

Mark 14:1-25

Radical Devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord

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A Costly Act of Devotion (v.1-11)

- Jesus in Bethany awaiting Passover (v.3)
- Unnamed woman breaks onto the scene
- Costly act of devotion superseding anything reported of the disciples

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A Costly Act of Devotion (v.1-11)

- Provokes reaction (v.4-5)!
- Jesus unworthy of such an extravagant display of devotion
- Problem: too committed to Jesus Christ!

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A Costly Act of Devotion (v.1-11)

- Jesus reacts differently...
- v.6 – ‘She has done a beautiful thing’
- v.8 – ‘She gave what she could’
- It cost her something...
- Sharp comparison (v.1-2; 10-11)

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Jesus: True Lamb of God (v.12-25)

- First day of Feast – Passover lamb sacrificed
- Jesus in **complete control** (v. 13-16)
- Passover = **the** annual festival

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- Disciples expectation = same as every year.
- Jesus’ revelation?
 - **His** body (v.22)
 - **His** blood (v.23)
- Jesus = ultimate Passover Lamb

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Jesus: True Lamb of God (v.12-25)

- Jesus’ costly sacrifice = our radical response
- Costly grace.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer...

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Jesus: True Lamb of God (v.12-25)

‘Above all, it is *costly* because it cost God the life of his Son: ‘ye were bought at a price’, and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is *grace* because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us.’

Two options for us

1. We go with Judas = rebel & betray
2. We go with the unnamed woman = costly devotion