**JESUS WAS ANOINTED BY A WOMAN**

Mark 14:1-11

Key Verse 14:9

*“Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”*

1. Read verses 1-2. What did the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread commemorate (Dt 16:1,16; Mk 14:12)? What did this Passover mean to Jesus (1Co 5:7)? What were the religious leaders plotting?
2. Read verses 3-5. What beautiful and controversial thing happened while Jesus was eating in the home of Simon (3)? What might have motivated this woman to do this? How did those present react to her action? Why? How did they reveal their lack of grace and lack of love for Jesus?
3. Read verses 6-7. How did Jesus rebuke this woman’s critics? How did Jesus view her action (6)? What did Jesus teach about helping the poor? In what sense is love for Jesus a prerequisite for helping the poor?
4. Read verses 8-9. What was important about the timing of the woman’s action? How was her outpouring of love similar to Jesus’ passion? How did Jesus draw her action into gospel history?
5. Read verses 10-11. Who was Judas Iscariot? In what way was he a contrast to this woman? What do you think motivated him to betray Jesus (1Ti 6:10; Jn 12:6, 6:63-64, 70, 71)?