



Study Notes 9/11/2025

Mark 14:1-11

The main question for a passage like this has to be 'What do I think this passage is teaching me?' and of course there will be a different answer for each one of us!! But a few starting points might be:

1. Why do you think Mark starts and finishes this particular section looking at national leaders plotting to destroy Jesus?
2. Talk about a) What things do we see as valuable, in our daily lives and in the church? b) What might we consider to be a waste of time or a waste of money? In both cases, ask why.
3. What would we find difficult to give up and what would we see as worth giving them up for?
4. In what situations have we been tempted to 'rebuke someone harshly' whether to their face or behind their back? How can we distinguish between sin, which does sometimes need to be spoken against (in the right way!) and our own cultural prejudices and assumptions?
5. The disciples had not grasped what Jesus had been saying about the inevitability and necessity of his coming death, but Jesus clearly saw this woman had, and really appreciated her for that. Am I ready and willing to learn from unexpected people?
6. This woman was supposed to have been a significant part of the gospel story. Why do you think that has apparently not happened? She clearly thought that Jesus was worth giving up her inheritance for. When we think about Jesus, do we mainly think about what he has done for us, or what we can do for him?
7. Talk more about our own values and priorities and spend time praying for each other, that we might share Jesus' own priorities.