

Sacrifices of Faith
Mark 14:1-11

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- When have you recently shared a meal with others to mark a special occasion? What made it memorable?
- Read *Mark 14:1-11*. What do the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread commemorate? Why is this significant?
- Why do the Jewish leaders initially decide to wait before seizing and killing Jesus? What changes their minds?
- How do the people at meal react to the woman's anointing of Jesus? How do you think you would have responded if you were there?
- What does Jesus say about the poor?
- What meaning does Jesus assign to the woman's action on his behalf? What does Jesus reveal about how he views himself and his mission?
- Since Mark does not tell us, what are some possible motivations for Judas' betrayal of Jesus?
- What "beautiful thing" (14:6) might you do for Jesus, even if it appears wasteful to others?
- What do you hear the Lord saying to you through this Scripture? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *If you could get someone a really special gift, what would you give and to whom would you give it?* Read *Mark 14:1-11*. Ask: *What does the woman do for Jesus? Why were some people upset? What does Jesus say about her? How is the woman's gift to Jesus an example for us?*

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.