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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



Plotting Against or Sacrificing For?

Mark 14:1-11

Main Idea

Everybody lives their life in such a way that they are either plotting against Jesus or sacrificing for Jesus – there is no mush middle.

Overview

- **The love of this world plots against the Savior of the world**
 - Chief Priests & Scribes (Top of sandwich)
 - Mark 11.18 & 12.12: Longed for the praise of the people
 - Scheme to destroy him that they can have the praise and adoration of people
 - Though they fought on faithfulness to the Law, they were scheming to actually destroy (or murder Jesus) therein breaking the Law they tried to keep
 - Judas (Bottom of sandwich)
 - What Chief Priests wanted Scribes provided (no longer had to wait)
 - Judas' Motive not as clear, though it appears money was a key contributing factor
 - Both Priests/Scribes & Judas looked past Jesus to find fulfillment/satisfaction/delight
- **A love for the Savior sacrifices for what is ultimately treasured (meat of the sandwich)**
 - Author highlights costliness of ointment (almost full years pay) to illustrate sacrifice
 - Woman breaking & pouring over Jesus' head was a preparation for His burial
 - She did what was beautiful, illustrating what was pure devotion, pure treasure
 - This is in opposition to what the Priests/Scribes/Judas treasured
 - Jesus placing himself above poor evidence of His conscious deity
 - Though He clearly loved the poor
 - This account was going to be prophesied into all the world as illustration for treasuring Christ above all things

Questions

Discussion Starter: What is your most treasured possession or treasured memory? Why do you treasure it?

Transition: Here in our passage we see two groups of people treasuring two different things.

1. Why is it that these people are plotting to betray Jesus? (What is their motive?)
2. What are some areas in our culture that tempt us into betraying Jesus?
3. Why do those things “Betray” Jesus?
4. How can we be more careful in seeing where we are believing these lies?
5. Why does Jesus find the woman's actions so “beautiful?”
6. What is it that would cause Jesus to make a prophetic announcement regarding her actions?

7. When we say “Jesus is better” or “Jesus is more valuable” or “Jesus is the greatest treasure”...what do you think is meant by this?
8. Discuss some ways we can learn to treasure Christ above all else.