

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Friends and Foes

Mark 14:1-11

In this week's passage, we see a stark contrast between the venomous hatred the chief priests and the scribes had for Jesus, along with the treachery of Judas, and the incredible act of sacrificial devotion by a woman who dearly loved Him. May we all learn to be wholehearted in our devotion to Christ.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 14:1-2. How do you explain the fact that it was the *chief priests and the scribes, the most religious people in Jewish society, who were plotting to kill Jesus? What does this tell us about the value of religion without Jesus?*

Read Mark 14:3-9. What motivated the woman to give such a costly gift to Jesus?

Why did the disciples think it was a waste for the woman to pour out the ointment on Jesus? What did Jesus think?

Read Mark 14:10-11. Judas spent three years of his life following Jesus, and he heard and saw everything that Jesus said and did. After all that he had experienced, why would he agree to betray Him? What do you think was his motivation?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Can anything given to Jesus truly be a waste?

Are you frugal in your devotion to Christ? Are you afraid that if you dedicate your life to Christ, you will end up regretting it? Does this fear hold you back from serving Him in some way?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Why does Jesus deserve our love and devotion?

How might the Lord want you to "give it all" for Him? Think of some practical situations.

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Have you identified anything you should put into practice this week?

How might you support and encourage one another?