

Mark 14:1-11 — “Mary’s Beautiful Worship of Jesus & Judas’ Evil Betrayal of Jesus”

For worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose—and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin. (William Temple)

To worship God is to recognize his worth or worthiness; to look God-ward, and to acknowledge in all appropriate ways the value of what we see (J.I. Packer)

Your life is to be a LIFE OF WORSHIP. The Christian is most simply defined as a WORSHIPER of Jesus Christ.

The anointing in Mark 14:3-9 (parallel in Matt 26:6-13) is the *same* account of John 12:1-8 but *different* than the anointing of the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-39.

- *Mark 14 - Preparation (to die) (Rejection)*
 - **adoration (v.1-11)**
 - commemoration (v.12-21)
 - substitution (v.22-31)
 - propitiation (v.32-42)
 - arrest (v.43-52)
 - accusations (v.53-65)
 - denials (v.66-72)
- *Mark 15 - Perfection (in his atoning death) (Redemption)*
- *Mark 16 - Pronouncement (risen from the dead) (Resurrection)*

THESIS — We’ll walk thru this marvelous account in 3 headings (to maintain Mark’s structure for emphasis):

A. The Plot to Kill Jesus (1-2)

B. The Heartfelt Worship of Jesus (3-9) [emphasis]

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I. THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS (1-2)

II. THE HEARTFELT WORSHIP OF JESUS (3-9)

Here’s an account of **wholehearted devotion.**

★ SOME LESSONS ON WORSHIP WE LEARN:

1. The determination to go and worship Jesus (*a choice*).

2. The unashamedness in the place of worshiping Jesus (*unashamed*).
 3. The costly sacrifice in her worship to Jesus (*sacrificial*).
 4. The lavish, profuse worship of all of Jesus (*unrestrained; unreserved — holds nothing back*).
 5. The rejection and mocking of others in her worship of Jesus (*unconcerned about others’ perception*).
 6. The full and happy receiving of her worship by Jesus (*it pleases Jesus*) (v.6b).
- ✓ The disciples (led/initiated by Judas) scolding of the woman (Mark 14:4-5)
 - ✓ The Lord’s vindication/defending of the woman (Mark 14:6-9)

In the Old Testament, who was anointed?

1. Kings (1 Sam 10.1; 16.12-13)
2. Priests (Ex 28:41)
3. Prophets (1 Kings 19.16)

>> CHRIST/Messiah means: “Anointed One”

Jesus is truly *The* PROPHET, PRIEST, KING — The Anointed One - sent by God, to us, for salvation!

III. THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS (10-11)

Worshipping God demands the following:

1. **determination** / resolve - I will worship (Deut 5.9)
2. **confession** - come clean with a true heart with no cherished sin (Ps 24)
3. **assistance** - the Holy Spirit helps us – we worship God in the Spirit (Philippians 3.3)
4. **concentration** - we are alone, we kneel, we close our eyes, we put attention on the Lamb of God. Seek to put off distractions.

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5. **Scripture** – use Scripture to help, aid, guide. Ascribe worth to God. so learn about God, then respond. Be occupied with God and then be AWED by him. **TRUTH must inform/guide your worship!**

THE PATHWAY TO LASTING HONOR IS TO HONOR CHRIST (JC Ryle)

If we haven’t learned to be worshippers it doesn’t really matter how well we do anything else. Worship changes us or it has not been worship. To stand before the Holy One of eternity is to change. Worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. (Erwin Lutzer)

The supreme act of worship is not giving money, attending church or singing hymns, but giving oneself (Rom. 12:1-2). As a “holy priesthood,” believers are “to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 2:5), the most important of which is themselves. Only when it is from a devout life, given to Christ wholly, does financial giving become an acceptable act of worship. (John MacArthur)

“It certainly is true that hardly anything is missing from our churches these days — except the most important thing. WE are missing the genuine and sacred offering of ourselves and our worship to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (AW Tozer)

BEHOLD OUR GOD!

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King—nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Psalm 95:1-7 [NASB]

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all gods, In whose hand are the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us **worship** and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

WE COME, O CHRIST TO YOU!

We come, O Christ, to you,
true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist,
in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move
and have our being in your love.

You only are true life
to know you is to live
the more abundant life
that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you:
in us each day your life renew!

You are the way to God,
your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge
and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
your love has met your law's demand.

We worship you, Lord Christ,
our Savior and our King;
to you our youth and strength
adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts that all may view
your life in us and turn to you!

I GREET THEE WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I
withhold.
Take my intellect and use

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.