

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK
Mark 14: 1- 11
“ARE YOU SOLD OUT, OR SELLING OUT”

I. THE SOLD OUT ONES DEMONSTRATE LOVE FOR JESUS (Mark 14: 1-9)

¹ After two days it was the Passover and *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put Him to death. ² But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people."³ And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured *it* on His head. ⁴ But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? ⁵ For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. ⁷ For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. ⁸ She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. ⁹ Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

- A. No matter what your gift to Jesus costs you, He is worthy of it!
- B. If you really worship, expect to be criticized (v. 4)
- C. Don't let envy and demonic criticism stop you from worship (v. 4)
- C. Jesus appreciates you, even if no one else does! (v. 6-9)

II. SELLING OUT MEANS BETRAYING JESUS FOR SELFISH GAIN (Mark 14: 10-11)

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. ¹¹ And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

- A. When your agenda differs from God's, you are vulnerable to selling out
- B. Satan will always have someone willing to pay your price (Matt. 26: 14-16)
 - a. Zechariah 11: 1-17
- C. Convenient betrayal will cost more than total sacrifice
 - a. Mark 14: 21; Matt. 27: 3-10; Acts 1: 16-20

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GIVE JESUS YOUR VERY BEST GIFT!

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