

Outline of Exegetical Final Paper: Mark 14:1-11

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1. Passage: Mark 14:11

2. Observations:

A. Persons mentioned: the chief priests and scribes, Simon the leper, an unnamed woman, Jesus, those who were there, Judas Iscariot.

The main speaker in the passage is Jesus in vv. 6-9 responding to those who objected to the woman's actions in vv. 4-5.

B. When: v1 says its 2 days before the Passover and festival of Unleavened Bread which mean that this is days before the crucifixion of Jesus.

C. Where: V3 states that Jesus and disciples were in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper. The passage does not state where the chief priests and scribes were or where Judas went to meet them

D. What is happening: vv1-2 intensification of the opposition to Jesus by chief priests and scribes. vv3-9 Jesus and the disciples are having a meal when an anonymous woman pours expensive nard on Jesus' head, some who were there object to the waste and rebuke her. Jesus responds in her defence and rebukes them. Vv. 10-11 Judas Iscariot goes to the chief priests to offer to betray Jesus.

E. Any scriptures quoted, cited or referred to: Jesus in speaking about always having the poor with you alludes to Deuteronomy 15:1-10¹

F. Anything that was unfamiliar to you: (i.) significance and symbolism of different kinds of anointing (ii.) that when the disciples made the statement about the waste and giving money to the poor there is a custom giving gifts to the poor at Passover.

¹ Mark L. Strauss, *Mark*, ed. Clinton E. Arnold, ZECNT (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2014), 608.

3. Interpretation:

A. Social context: Bethany, a village about 2 miles from Jerusalem is where Strauss speculates that Jesus is staying after visiting Jerusalem in the days.² Need more information.

B. literary context:

(1) the passage falls near the end of the book, it is the 14th of 16 chapters.

(2) Before this passage: there has been the transfiguration, Jesus has told the disciples 3 times that he is going to suffer and die. He has taught what it means to be his disciple. The triumphal entry, the clearing of the temple and the challenge and hostility of the chief priests and scribes intensify as he teaches in the temple. He has warned the disciples about the destruction of the temple and his second coming

After this passage: last supper, Jesus betrayed by Judas, deserted by disciples, tried by Sanhedrin denied by peter, tried before Pilate crucified and rises again

(3) how does what we find in this passage affect what comes later? By offering to betray Jesus Judas enables the chief priests to do what they wanted more quickly than they had contemplated.

C. Genre: Narrative

D. Textual criticism: Question of how many times Jesus was anointed. The accounts in Matthew, Mark, and John are likely the same event, but the anointing recorded in Luke seems to be different location and purpose.³

E. Commentaries: Both Strauss and Witherington focus on word of Jesus in vv 6-9 of the passage

4. Application:

² Strauss, 606.

³ Strauss, 604.

1. For Christians: God has a plan and he will bring it to pass, so trust Him. Our devotion to God is to be like the woman who anointed Jesus not like Judas the high priests and the scribes.

2. Unbelievers:

3. Me: God will accomplish his purposes at the right time the way he intends and he wants total extravagant devotion to giving him my all.

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