“SHE HAS DONE A BEAUTIFUL THING TO ME”

Mark 14:1–11

Key Verse: 14:6

1. What is the time setting? (1a) At such a time, what should the religious leaders have been thinking about? (Dt16:3; 24:18) Instead, what are they thinking about? (1b,2) For how long had they been plotting against Jesus, and why? (3:6; 11:18; 12:12)
2. Where is Jesus? (3a) Why might he have been there? (cf. Jn12:1,2) What does a woman do, and who is she? (3b; cf. Jn12:3) What is unusual about her doing this? What might the perfume had been originally meant for? What do you think she means by doing this to Jesus? How is she a contrast to the religious leaders?
3. How do some people respond, and why? (4,5; cf. Jn12:4–6) Read verse 6. How does Jesus defend the woman? Why is what she did beautiful?
4. What meaning does Jesus find in what the woman did, and how does he commemorate it? (7–9) What does this mean? How does Judas respond to this, and why? (10,11)
5. Look at verse 6 again. What can we learn from the woman? How can we respond to the gospel (Jesus’ death and resurrection) like her?