

# PASSION WEDNESDAY 2008

THE COMING OF THE KING, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

## MARK 14:1-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### WHY JESUS?

*THE "PASSION WEDNESDAY MINISTRY" OF JESUS CHRIST  
HIS PRIESTHOOD, HIS INTERCESSION AND HIS OFFICE*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Passion Wednesday,  
His Passion, His Intercession, Prophecy**

Introduction to the Text; **Mark 14:1-11**

**The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage**

### Mark 14:1-11

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: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." :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.

This Week, We're Looking @ A Series  
of Teachings Entitled; "Why Jesus"

## And as We Pause Here at Passion Wednesday

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We Look to The Events of This Day in History.  
But First - What Does the Term **"The Passion Week"** Mean?  
It represents the "collective description" of Jesus Christ's Earthly Ministry.  
It was Jesus Christ Last Week on Earth Before His Glorification.

But why is this week so important in history?  
And why should it be so important to us today?

### **The Passion Week**

was that week in Jesus' life that He longed to fulfill.

#### **Luke 9:51**

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

#### **Matthew 17:22-23**

Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, **"The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men :23 and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up."**

#### **John 18:37b**

**...For this cause I was born,  
and for this cause I have come into the world.**

### **5 Times in the Gospel's does it mention Jesus' Passion as His Time or His Hour**

#### **John 8:20**

No one laid hands on Him, for **His hour** (The Passion) had not yet come.

## **WHY JESUS THIS WEEK IN HISTORY?**

**1.) Because Jesus willingly presented Himself**

### **IT'S JESUS WHO PRESENTED HIMSELF**

**1a.) He presented Himself to the world**

#### **Verse 1-2**

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## The Depravity of Man's Heart

John 18:20

Jesus answered and said, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and *in secret I have said nothing.*"

### For You My Friend

He presented Himself to the world

### IT'S JESUS WHO PRESENTED HIMSELF

1b.) He **presented** Himself to the worshipper

#### Verse 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

What Else Could Be Wrong About This Scene?

- - **I (we) could have been in it...** - -

Those who have been touched by Jesus,  
must gather around Jesus.

Someone might say;  
*"I've never been touched by Jesus"*

**But listen;**  
*have you really come to Him like a **leper**, or like a **criminal**?*

**Your "depth" of worship  
is directly proportional to your "awareness" of sin**

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a **rewarder** of those who **diligently** seek Him.

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

## For You My Friend

He presented Himself to the worshipper

### IT'S JESUS WHO PRESENTED HIMSELF

1c.) He **presented** Himself to the wicked

#### Verse 4-5

: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.

Jesus Christ Never Retreated or Concerned Himself  
with public opinion or conventional wisdom.

How does the light of God shine today?

The same way the sun shines on you today,  
by you and I getting outside - out into the sun.

#### John 3:18-21

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. :19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. :20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. :21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

The Love of God Shown Through Jesus Christ

## For You My Friend

He presented Himself to the wicked

1.) Because Jesus willingly **presented** Himself

### WHY JESUS THIS WEEK IN HISTORY?

2.) Because Jesus willingly **positioned** Himself

### IT'S JESUS WHO POSITIONED HIMSELF

2a.) He **positioned** Himself for death

## Verse 6

But Jesus said,  
“Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good **work** for Me.

Her “**work**” deed, effort, expression - - *it has encouraged me.*

### Matthew 16:21

From that time Jesus ***began to show*** to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

### John 12:27

“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

## For You My Friend

He positioned Himself for death

### IT’S JESUS WHO POSITIONED HIMSELF

2b.) He **positioned** Himself for honor

## Verse 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.***

**Earlier and While they were up North in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus Asked the Disciples the All Important Question.**

### Matthew 16:13-17

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” :14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” :15 He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” :16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” :17 Jesus answered and said to him, “**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**

**And This Is True Today**

## For You My Friend

He positioned Himself for honor

## IT'S JESUS WHO POSITIONED HIMSELF

### 2c.) He **positioned** Himself for sacrifice

#### Verse 8

*She has done what she could.*

She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial....

Sometimes I have to laugh at Satan's tactics.

- he has some who say that Jesus didn't die on the cross.
- Other's say that Jesus fainted and was later revived by the coolness of the tomb.
- he has those who say that Jesus never rose from the dead at all.
- Or that Judas traded places with Jesus at the last minute.

#### Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Did He Die for All Men or Just for Special People?

#### 1John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins,  
and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

### For You My Friend

He positioned Himself for sacrifice

### 1.) Because Jesus willingly **presented** Himself

### 2.) Because Jesus willingly **positioned** Himself

## WHY JESUS THIS WEEK IN HISTORY?

### 3.) Because Jesus willingly **prepared** Himself

## JESUS WILLING PREPARED HIMSELF

### 3a.) He **prepared** Himself in the face of humiliation

#### Verse 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."

## Wherever "This Gospel" is preached

### 1Corinthians 15:3-5

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, :4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, :5 and that He was seen by Peter, then by the twelve.

What this woman **has done** will also be told as a memorial to her."

She recognized that Jesus was going to the cross  
The Gospel (Good News) was the Cross.

## For You My Friend

He prepared Himself in the face of humiliation

### IT'S JESUS WHO PREPARED HIMSELF

3b.) He **prepared Himself** in the face of betrayal

### Verse 10-11a

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...**

### Judas, Among Others, Sought to Betray Jesus.

Israel's Leadership had Grown Jealous and Cruel against Jesus.

"30 Pieces of Silver"

### Matthew 27:9

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by **Jeremiah** the prophet, saying, "*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced,*

(Jeremiah 18,19 & Zech 11:12. the book of the prophet of Jeremiah was considered to be the lead or first or most preeminent book of the prophets in the days of Jesus. today, the Jew's hold the book of Isaiah in that place. thus the book of Zechariah was found in or under the authority of Jeremiah, Israel's most revered prophet of that day)

### John 6:64

**But there are some of you who do not believe.**" For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

## For You My Friend

He prepared Himself in the face of betrayal

## IT'S JESUS WHO PREPARED HIMSELF

3c.) He **prepared** Himself in the face of rejection

### Verse 11

...So he (Judas) sought how he might **conveniently** betray Him.

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**This is the question that world is dying to find an answer to.**

I'll Criticize / I'll Discredit / I'll Mock / I'll Lie / I'll Hide / I'll Ignore

### For You My Friend

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