

# Sunday Sermon Questions • 11/9/2025

## Mark 14:1-10

### God's Timing vs. Human Plans

How does the timing of Jesus' death—coinciding with the Passover—show us that God's plan is sovereign, even when humans attempt to control or delay events? Can you think of a time when your own plans didn't work out, but later you could see how God's timing was perfect?

### Extravagant Worship

Mary poured out her most valuable possession as an act of love and worship. What does her example teach us about holding nothing back from God? What might "breaking your alabaster jar" look like in your own life today?

### The Heart Behind the Criticism

Those around Mary criticized her worship, claiming it was wasteful. Why do you think acts of genuine devotion sometimes make others uncomfortable or critical? How can we guard our hearts against developing a judgmental or self-righteous attitude like Judas and the others?

### Proximity vs. Relationship

Judas spent years physically close to Jesus but never surrendered his heart. What does this reveal about the difference between knowing about Jesus and truly following Him? In what ways can church attendance or activity sometimes become a substitute for real discipleship?

### The Purpose of the Church

The sermon challenged the idea that "the Church exists to serve me." How does this mindset differ from the biblical reality that we exist to serve the Church... The Bride Of Christ? How can we shift from being consumers of the Church to contributors who serve and build up the body of Christ?

### Prayer Prompt:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Your Word that Your plans are always perfect and Your timing is never late. Help us to have hearts like Mary—willing to pour out everything we have in love and gratitude for Jesus. Protect us from the pride and selfishness that can creep into our hearts, and teach us to serve rather than to be served. May our worship be sincere, our faith genuine, and our lives a reflection of Your grace. Use us, Lord, to bless Your Church and bring glory to Your name.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.