

**14** THE KING'S  
ANOINTING

A STUDY OF  
**Mark**



# Mark's Sandwich



A. Plot to kill Jesus (secret)

B. Anointing Jesus for Burial (public)

C. Plot to kill Jesus (secret)



## ◆ The Secret Plot to Kill Jesus

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### Mark 14:10-11 <sup>NIV</sup>

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup> They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.



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# Worship

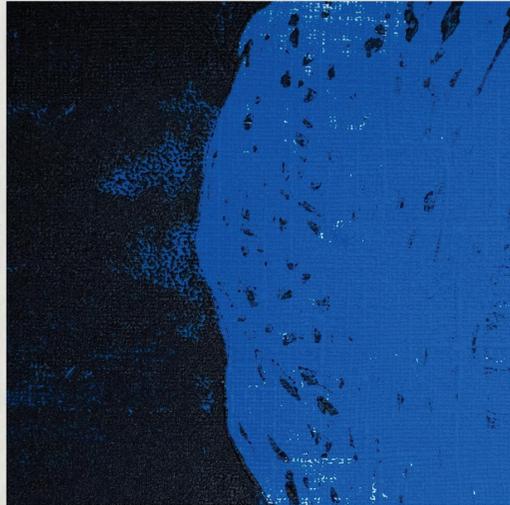
Recognizing who God is & responding appropriately.



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## **1<sup>st</sup> Advent**

Quiet, obscure, humble, local

Suffering Servant - Mark 8-10

Defeat sin and death

*“Seek and save the lost”* - Mark 10:45

## **2nd Advent**

Visible, clear, powerful, global

Saving Sovereign - Mark 13

Establish the Kingdom fully and finally

*“Gather His own”* - Mark 13:27



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## Himalayan Spikenard





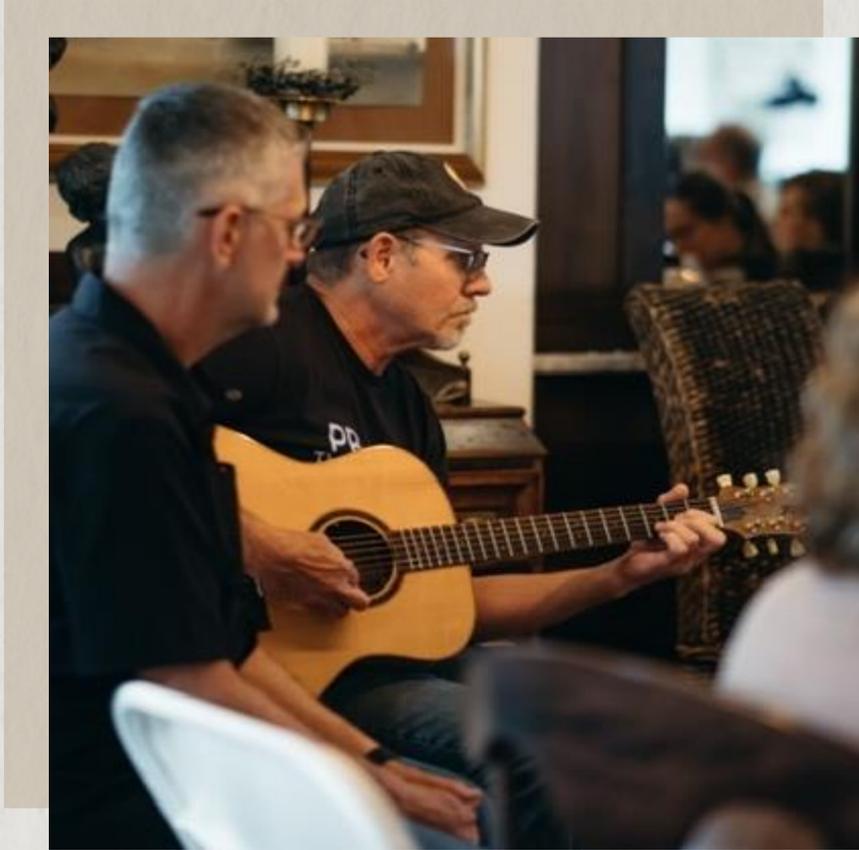
**Alabaster  
Jar**



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## Pure Nard

The aroma caught me off guard. It was familiar but very out of place. As a child, I grew up in the country, so I was used to hedges of it growing wild around our farm. Tragedy had struck our home when an outbreak of leprosy reached our peaceful, safe dwelling. Death took up residence. I fled to avoid contracting such a horrible disease

How was I to know I would now work in a village outside the holy city for a man who had himself once had leprosy. It drew me to want to hear more about his healing, and especially the controversial Healer here tonight, in my workplace no less, right before Passover.

I oversaw the meal and serving the many important guests including washing grime off dusty feet and providing a comfortable environment. My senses were saturated with roasted lamb, hummus, dates, olives, and freshly baked bread but that scent pulled me from the stewpot and ladle.

I stood out of their sight, but I could see her. Pouring pure nard on the guest I heard was a Healer. The fragrance overpowered the savory spread and everyone at the table was reacting and rebuking her. Except my employer. Except the Healer.

I realized I had not greeted her when she entered; I didn't even know her. Did my master know her? Surely not... I was bewildered by the scene. And emotional which I didn't understand at first. The Healer had defended her.

She has done a beautiful thing to me... She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial... What she has done will be told in memory of her.

My memory flooded with the rush of funeral preparations for my father and that strong smell of nard. After this night embalming had a much different meaning. I looked at Him, a Healer, with no disease, yet ready for His death. And I wondered who He could be.

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**Mark 14:4-5** <sup>NIV</sup>

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.



**Mark 14:6-9** <sup>NIV</sup>

“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”



**Matthew 25:42-45** <sup>NIV</sup>

For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

<sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

<sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'



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Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship.

- **Romans 12:1** <sup>NIV</sup>



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- ◆ How can you offer your body as a **living sacrifice** each day?

