

# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

*WORSHIP - DISCOVERING WHAT  
SCRIPTURE SAYS*

**SRMBC Family Bible Study**  
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Every Wednesday  
8000 Derry Street (Rear)  
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6:30 pm

## SRMBC JAN - FEB Bible Study Schedule

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Worship the Lamb</b>	Revelation 4 – 5	1/9/2019
<b>For Keeps</b>	Exodus 24:1 – 11	1/16/2019
<b>Mercy, Not Sacrifice</b>	Psalms 50	1/23/2019
<b>Broken for Me</b>	Mark 14:1 – 11	2/6/2019
<b>Planning for Praise</b>	Isaiah 61:1 – 11	2/13/2019
<b>All to Jesus</b>	Luke 20:20 – 26; 45 – 47; 21:1 – 4	2/20/2019
<b>Our Longing Fulfilled</b>	Revelation 21:1 – 8	2/27/2019

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## Worship – Discovering What Scripture Says

### Lesson 4: Broken for You

#### Mark 14:1 – 11

## The Gospel of Mark

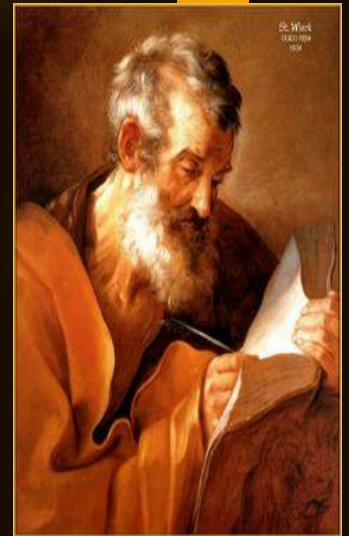
**Author:** Although the Gospel of Mark does not name its author, it is generally agreed that Mark, the John Mark of the New Testament (Acts 12:12), is the writer.

**Date of Writing:** The Gospel of Mark was likely one of the first books written in the New Testament, probably in A.D. 55-59.

**Purpose of Writing:** This gospel is unique because it emphasizes Jesus' actions more than His teaching. Mark wrote to Gentiles believers to strengthen their faith and what it meant to be Jesus' disciples.

#### Practical Application:

- Mark presents Jesus as the suffering Servant of God (Mark 10:45) who came to serve and sacrifice for us.
- Jesus exhorted us to remember that to be great in God's kingdom, we must be the servant of all (Mark 10:44).
- Self-sacrifice should transcend our need for recognition or reward, just as Jesus was willing to be abased as He lay down His life for the sheep.



John Mark

## Group Discussion: What is your most valuable possession?

### Amistad

- Based on the true story of America's slave trade, the saga of an 1839 mutiny aboard the slave ship, **Amistad**.
- The story revolves a courtroom drama as lawyers for the slaves seek their freedom and return home.



Without being able to read English, two African slaves learn the story of Jesus through illustrations in the Bible.

### Questions

- Describe the waves of feelings the slaves experience while discovering the story of Jesus.
- How do you think their exposure to the Gospel will affect them going forward?
- What principles from this scene can we apply to our own worship experiences.

## Mark 14:1 - 5 (NKJV)

1 After two days it was **the Passover** and the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him **by trickery and put Him to death**.

2 But they said, "**Not during the feast**, lest there be an uproar of the people."

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**.

## Mark 14:6 – 9 (NKJV)

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.

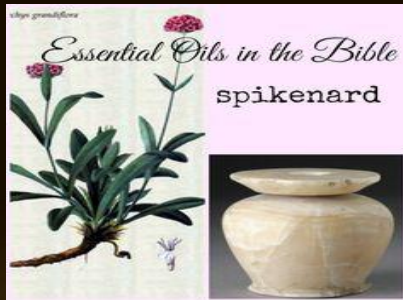
9 Assuredly, I say to you, **wherever this gospel is preached** in the whole world, **what this woman has done** will also be told as a memorial to her.”

## Mark 14:10 – 11 (NKJV)

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**.

## What Is The Cost Of Worship?



- **Spikenard** is a perfume of oil from a plant grown in India, making it a rare and precious treasure.
- The fact that her perfume was worth so much would indicate that it was precious, perhaps a part of her dowry.

- A **Denarius** was equivalent to a day's wage.
- 300 **Denarii** (or a year's wages) at today's minimum wage (approx. \$7.00 hour) would be **\$16,800**.



*In Breaking It Open And Pouring It Out, She Is Divesting Herself Of A Major Source Of Family Wealth And Security. She Is Saying That Jesus Is Worth More.*

### 1. Imagine yourself in this scene: what do you see, hear, smell, feel, think? What might be a parallel situation today?

- **See** – The crowd; Jesus; The fellowship; the woman; The perfume.
- **Hear** – The breaking of the box; the complaints; The Words of Jesus.
- **Smell** – The beautiful fragrance of worship.
- **Feel** – the He is concerned that His people are simply going through the motions in worship.
- **Think** – It don't take all that; I hope that my mind would change once Jesus "checked" me.

#### Possible Contemporary Examples:

- Someone spending all of their savings to give thousand-dollar tips to each of the wait staff at a party.
- Someone pouring a fifteen-thousand-dollar bottle of champagne over the head of a winning coach.



## 2. Tensions ran high. What are the various conflicts in this passage, and who is involved?

Conflicts	Participants	Remarks
Jesus came to save and the Chief Priest and Scribes want to kill	Chief Priests And The Scribes Vs. Jesus	The Passover was all about God's grace and mercy yet they are planning murder
The tradition of the simplicity of Passover to an extravagant offering	Mary Vs. Tradition	Mary gives her best and most extravagant worship to Jesus – yet people don't like it.
The offering poured on Jesus. Is it a waste or not?	Judas And the Disciples Vs. Mary	Anything give to Jesus in love is not a waste.
Jesus refutes "concern for the Poor" and their view of scripture	Jesus vs. the Misconception of Scripture	Jesus defends His worshipper and shows how He fulfills scripture.
Selling out for Jesus or selling Jesus out for money	Judas & the Chief Priests vs. Jesus	Real worship pleases the Lord – and also incites His

## 3. Jesus has shown previously he cares for the poor (Mark 10:21). What does he say about the poor here? What does he say about himself?

### What Jesus Says About The Poor

- Jesus alludes to Deut. 15:11, "*There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor.*"
- Jesus chides them that they can help the poor anytime they want, if they're so eager, but He will soon be gone.

### What Jesus Says About Himself

- Jesus calls any sacrifice made in love for him a "beautiful thing." It is never a waste.

### Points To Ponder

- It was customary to give gifts to the poor on the evening of Passover (see John 13:29).
- Those who rebuke the woman for her extravagance may be expecting Jesus to praise them for their righteousness.
- The disciples remain clueless about what await Jesus, despite all the times He has explained it to them.



4. Some of the guests call what the woman does a “waste.” In contrast, Jesus calls it a “beautiful thing.” What does the woman seem to understand that the others do not?

**What The Woman Understands:**

- Anointing was a common custom at feasts (Ps 23:5; Lk 7:46); this woman’s lavishness, was far from common.
- The woman has prepared his body for burial, underscoring that Jesus is a suffering Servant-King.
- To realize/remember that God provides a means to deal with the real barrier of sin.

**What the Others Did Not Understand:**

- Jesus was not the conquering, culturally exclusive king the Jews are expecting.
- They did not have the desire to honor or draw close to him.
- That saying Jesus is not worth such an extravagant show of generosity, was dishonoring to Him and added to His suffering.

5. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that this story will be told “wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world . . . in memory of her” (v. 9)?

- Jesus wants to encourage them that his death will not be final. We worship a Living Savior.
- He is also letting them know that His gospel will be preached throughout the world.
- Jesus seems intent that this unnamed woman, whose loving action anticipated His death, not be forgotten.



## 6. Contrast Judas's response to Jesus with the woman's (vv. 10-11). Given what has just taken place, what might have provoked Judas to abandon Jesus and switch sides?



### The Woman

- Sacrificial Worship
- Selfless Worship
- Sincere Worship
- Scriptural Worship
- Singular Worship
- Spiritual Worship



### Judas Iscariot

- Ungrateful Response
- Uniformed Response
- Unspiritual/Undignified Response
- Unaccepted Response
- Unloving Response

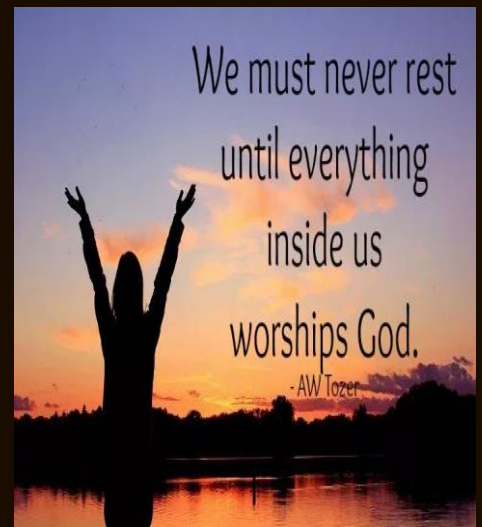


### Why Judas Betrayed

- He sees that Jesus is not the Messiah he hoped for.
- He rejects the chance to be on God's side (love, humility and service).
- He chooses the side of man, control through wealth, power and prestige.
- He fails to see the beauty in the woman's act, or Jesus' pending sacrifice.

## 7. How might a greater awareness of Jesus' love for you change the way you worship, or even your life?

- I would definitely be more grateful and willing to do and give my for all and my best for Him.
- I would have more genuine joy – not worrying about anything because Jesus loves me.
- I'd have a greater appreciation for Church and corporate worship – a desire to be around and with other worshippers.
- I would be more willing to forgive, to love and serve others – given the great love that Jesus has for me.





8. Make a list of things you value highly. What would it look like for you to use one or more of these things to worship Jesus?

- **Guitars** – Using my guitars in leading worship.
- **Time** – Spending less of my time in worldly pursuits and more in seeking God.
- **Home** – Setting my house aside for worship – spending more time in prayer, worship, fellowship with other believers.
- **Money** – Giving of my resources to work of the Lord.



*Spend time thanking Jesus that He voluntarily died because He valued you greater than His own life.*

## Keys For Living

- *When we think of the greatness of who Jesus is and what He has done for us (dying in our place and rising from the grave) worship will naturally flow from our hearts.*
- *Jesus as the Savior and the Son of God, is worthy of the very best of our worship – regardless of the personal cost to us.*
- *Sincere worship that is in spirit and in truth pleases God but also upsets His enemies. Regardless of who doesn't like it, believers should always worship God.*

