

## CHAPTER 23.1 LOVE WALKS TOWARD THE CROSS

### "CONSPIRACY AND WORSHIP"

Mark 14:1-11  
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Worship is an expression of value.  
How we worship is an expression of how much we value something/someone

Conspiracy and worship are contrasted in Mark 14:1-11.

Conspiracy of the religious elite. (1-2)

Judas' conspiracy (10-11)

The heart of conspiracy is determined by what we value.

Worship of lesser things is secretive.  
Worship of the One Who is of infinite worth is unabashedly bold.

**Jesus' infinite worth evokes extravagant worship.**

1) Worship is unabashedly bold.

2) Worship is an expression of value.

3) Measureless value prompts measureless worship.  
But it isn't the amount or quantity. It is in proportion to your ability.

"She has done what she could" (8)

Why would her story be proclaimed in the whole world?

**Jesus' infinite worth evokes extravagant worship.**

This is radical worship!

The world accepts worship in moderation, but not in 'excess'.

There can be no excess in the worship of Jesus.

**How does this apply to me?**

## NEXT WEEK

"ONE LAST TIME"

Mark 14:12-31

### Historical Timeline:

It was Thursday evening of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. The Passover meal was the highlight of a seven-day celebration called the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

### Passage Overview:

This would be the last Passover meal that Jesus would share with his disciples. Because of its significance, they would share it in a private room. The setting was intimate and secluded from the crowds. Yet the atmosphere in the room was uncomfortable.

The disciples had been arguing about which of them was most important. This resulted in every one of them taking a place at the table without a single one being willing to serve the others by washing the others' feet as was the custom.

The tension between them was not the only challenge. Jesus knew that the cross lay before him within the next 24 hours. In love and obedience, He would lay His life down for these men who wouldn't even take up a towel to serve one another, much less to serve Him, their master. Still, Jesus would serve and love them to the end.

As Jesus led them in this last supper together, He infused it with redemptive meaning they couldn't yet comprehend. This was representative of His body and blood, given for them. It was this night, this meal, they would always remember. For in this simple meal, they were celebrating their eternal salvation from sin, through Jesus, the perfect and unique Lamb of God.

Yet, even as He expressed to them limitless loyal love, reclining at the table with Him were Judas and Peter. Judas would betray Him within a matter of hours. Peter would deny Him three times.

One last meal. One perfect expression of love. One Savior.

**Reading for Next Week:** Mark 14:12-31; John 13:1-38