

# Devotion

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Mark 14:1-11

## **Scheming** (1)

### **A Longer Story**

Movement toward Jesus Death

**Devotion** – On this path to death, a moment of devotion

## **Politics** (2)

### **Background**

Jewish Hope and Roman Occupation

**Devotion** – Politics is complex; Devotion is simple

## **Betrayal** (10)

### **Judas**

Lots of speculation about Judas' motive. Money? Politics?

**Devotion** – Betrayal vs. Devotion – Betrayal requires intimacy

## **Practical Religion** (4)

### **Other Friends**

Practical – Religion about helping people

**Devotion** – first commandment: The well, energy source, core

## **Devotion** (6, 8)

### **Jesus and the Woman**

The Woman – Extravagant; Creative; Simple

Jesus – Accepted the Devotion; Defended the Woman

## **Who is This?** (9)

### **A Longer Story**

Mark – Who is This? – Miracles → Confession → Resurrection

**The Christian Message** – First and foremost – About Him

# Small Group Guide

## **Kicking off your Time Together**

### **Ice Breaker**

Is there a gift you have received that stands out in your memory?

### **Opening Prayer**

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

## **What Did you Bring?**

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

## **Read Passage**

Read this passage: Mark 14:1-11

## **Discuss a few of these questions:**

What is your response to the action of the woman in this passage?

How did some of the other dinner guests respond? What do you think of their response?

Consider the chief priests and teachers. Why did they want to kill Jesus?

What could true devotion look like in our lives?

## **Pray for Each Other**

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other. You may want to share specific requests.