



The Gospel According To
MARK

Mark 14:1-9

¹Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ²“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

⁴ Some of those present were saying

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indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶ “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a

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beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel

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is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

Mark 14:9






Mhmm? I wonder what
that is down there.

an innumerable multitude of Jews to worship God. Now the fomentors of disorder, who were mourning for Judas and Matthias, the interpreters of the laws, stood together in the temple and provided the dissidents with plenty of food, for they were not ashamed to beg for it. And Archelaus, fearing that something dangerous might grow out of their fanaticism, sent a cohort of legionaries under a tribune to suppress the violence of the rebels before they should infect the whole crowd with their madness. (*Ant.* 17.9.3 §§213–15)

Another serious uprising during Passover took place in Jerusalem when Cumanus was procurator (49 C.E.). As Jewish pilgrims made their way into the temple precincts a Roman soldier exposed his buttocks to the crowd and flatulated. A riot ensued in which many died (*J.W.* 2.12.1 §§224–27; *Ant.* 20.5.3 §§105–12). The caution of the ruling priests and the scribes is thus entirely plausible and sensible. They wish to take Jesus, but they wish to do so only if a serious disturbance can be avoided. *θόρυβος*, "riot," can also mean "commotion," as in 5:38. Examples in the LXX that approximate the meaning "riot" include Jer 30:18(49:2); Ezek 7:7; Jdt 6:1.

Explanation

The notation that the Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread are but two days away and that at the same time the ruling priests and the scribes have begun



Don't I look gallant
when I stand like
this?!?!



Hulk Smash
Gingivitis!

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PLEASE WAIT...



Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

John 12:3



The response of the “some”

The response of Jesus





He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

John 12:6



When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

John 11:32

“She did what she could.”

Mark 14:8a

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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that
in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

What Could You Do?





Give me your jewelry,
please. So I can fight the
little man

*"Gølgagab
gøldfør
Ersen"*

The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

Mark 14:7

could

Great
Acts



Greater
Sacrifice



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