

The Truth About Money

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MARK 14:1-11

I. Tim. 6: 10 - "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows".

Intro. **A.** Jesus became an object of intense hatred by the leaders of the Jewish religion.

- Vs. 1
1. There were only two days until Passover.
 2. They wanted to ^{put} Jesus to death.
 3. They wanted to use craft = δόλος = a bait, hence fraud, guile, deceit.

B. They were slowed by fear.

1. Not the fear of God.
- Vs. 2
2. They feared the people.
 3. They decided to wait.

C. The next two events have to do with money.

1. A woman at Simon's house who anointed Jesus for burial.
2. The betrayal of Jesus by Judas.

I. The Use Of Money To Bless Others.

A. Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper.

- Vs. 3
1. He was there for a meal.
 2. It should be a time of fellowship.
 3. The love of money showed its ugly head.

3. Some things present day-to-day opportunities.
4. Some, only once in a lifetime. (2)
5. What you do can give grief or Joy as long as you live.

E. The analysis of her act.
vs. 8 1. "she hath done what she could".
2. she had faith to believe what Jesus taught about His life ending in Jerusalem.

F. Her act would be a memorial to her.
1. vs. 9
2. "Memorial" = εις = "with a view to" +
μνημόσυρον = a commemorative, a monument

II. The Use Of Money To Harm Others.

A. The act of betrayal.
vs. 10 1. It was Judas Iscariot.
2. He went to the chief priests.
3. The most remembered betraet of all time.

B. Why did he betray Jesus?
1. Perhaps he was hurt by the rebuke of Jesus. He may have anticipated a commendation.
2. He may have seen the death of Jesus and thought to get what he could out of the debacle.
3. He may have sought approval from the chief priests.
4. It is unlikely that he needed money.

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