

Anointed with Perfume

Matthew 26:1-16; Psalm 45

- I. **A POLITICAL PLOT** (1-5)
- A. **A Pointed Prophecy** (1-2)—*Jesus shows that He is consciously, intentionally, actively fulfilling the plan of God*
 - B. **A Common Enemy** (3)—*a bipartisan plot; Jesus is a threat to everyone in power*
 - C. **A Murderous Solution** (4)—*desperate enough to stoop to abduction and homicide*
 - D. **A Practical Consideration** (5)—*can't risk a riot; need to stay in Rome's good graces*
- II. **A PECULIAR HONOR** (6-13; Mk 14:3; Jn 12:3)—*the gift of a woman*
- A. **Fragrant** (7; Song 1:1-3; Psalm 45; Ex 30:30-33, 37-38)—*sensuous, romantic, personal*
 - B. **Extravagant** (9)—*excessive, immoderate, unrestrained, lavish, over-the-top*
 - 1. **Wasteful**—*inappropriate, reckless, sentimental, silly*
 - 2. **Worthy**—*appropriate, fitting, profound*
 - C. **Thoughtful** (12)—*she was listening and understood; emotional support*
 - D. **Beautiful** (10)—*excellent, pleasing, enjoyable; delighting the senses and the mind*
 - E. **Memorable** (13)—*Jesus will never forget her gift, includes it in the gospel message*
- III. **A SYMBOLIC INDICATION** (Mat 1:11; Heb 9:11-15)—*Christ means "Anointed One"*
- A. **Consecration of a Priest** (Ex 30:22-33; Ps 133:2)—*Jesus is our Great High Priest.*
 - B. **Preparation for His Burial** (Heb 9:12)—*Jesus is also the sacrifice for our sin.*

IV. **THE LORD'S AWARENESS** (10-13)

A. **His Defense of the Woman**—*A model of active chivalry*

1. He cares for her **feelings**. He is aware of, values, and protects them.
2. He stands up to His **friends**. The guys' approval not preferred to woman's feelings
3. He honors her with **respect**. He praises her publicly.

B. **His Reception of Her Gift**—*Jesus welcomed her ministry to Him*.

1. He **accepts** her sacrifice. This gift was a great sacrifice on her part.
 - a. Jesus considers Himself to be **worthy of worship**.
 - b. Jesus allows Himself to be **emotionally engaged**.
2. He **appreciates her understanding**. (13) She acknowledged the importance of what He was about to do and supported Him in it.
3. He **receives her love**. (Song 8:7) No love offered Jesus will be wasted or unrequited!

V. **A CHEAP IDOLATRY** (14-16; Mat 6:24)—*No one can serve two masters.*

A. **Loving Money** (Jn 12:4-6)—*Judas was not concerned for poor; he wanted to the money.*

1. Greed is a root of many sins. (1 Tim 6:9-10)
2. Greed is idolatry. (Col 3:5)

B. **Despising Jesus** (Gen 25:34; Phil 3:19)—*Judas disrespected, rejected Jesus as unworthy.*

1. Hating Jesus
2. Selling Jesus (Gen 37:28)
3. Being Cheap