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This incident of devotion is sandwiched in between two examples of hatred and betrayal that are directed towards our Lord.

I. Treacherous Planning

- The Passover was the solemn, annual, Jewish observance in commemoration of the passing over of the houses of the Israelites by the death angel in the destruction of the firstborn in Egypt (Exod. 12:-13:6).

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- The Jews would celebrate the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, in commemoration of the Israelites exit from Egypt (Exod. 23:15).

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- The religious leaders were not trying to figure out if they should kill Jesus, that matter was settled by the High Priest Caiaphas (John 11:50-52).
- They were trying to figure out when.

II. A Beautiful Sacrifice

- Mark takes the reader back to Saturday – before He entered Jerusalem in His triumphal entry.
- Mark is showing the contrast between the treachery of Judas and the devotion of this woman.

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- Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, is the woman who shows great devotion to Jesus.

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- What Mary poured on Jesus had great value.
- Mary's act of devotion upset the disciples, especially Judas (John 12:5).

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- These disciples are sitting in judgment of the offering that Mary was making to her Lord.
- Their anger was vented against Mary since none dared to criticize Jesus for receiving it without protest.

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- Rather than standing in judgment at what others do, let us resolve ourselves to give all that we have.

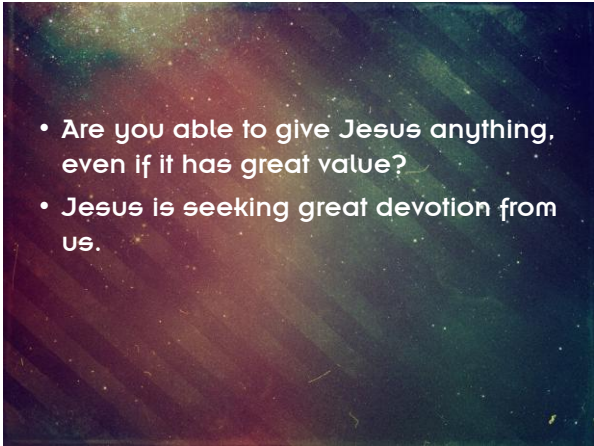
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III. Cowardly Betrayal

- Judas went off, sometime after the Olivet Discourse and came to the Chief Priests in order to betray Jesus.
- Mary's devotion stands in contrast to Judas' betrayal.

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- Judas was prone to Satanic control due to his heart being calloused to the Lord.
- The religious leaders would be able to kill Jesus because one of His own would betray Him.

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- Are you able to give Jesus anything, even if it has great value?
 - Jesus is seeking great devotion from us.