

# Disillusioned

## Mark 14:1-11 (ESV)

**14** It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.” <sup>3</sup>And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,<sup>[a]</sup> as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii<sup>[b]</sup> and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.” <sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

1. Disillusioned means that you have lost faith or trust in something or someone.
2. Mark 14:10-11 is the culmination of disillusionment for Judas.
3. What happened to turn disciple into betrayer?
4. Jesus was not who Judas thought he was.
5. All the disciples fell away and abandoned Jesus. All struggled with disillusionment.
6. Every Christian will experience disillusionment in their journey of faith.
7. The cross is the stumbling block
8. First step is to be honest before God, express our disappointments
9. Four degrees of love Bernard of Clairvaux *Loving God*
  - a. 1. Loving ourselves for our own sake.
  - b. 2. Loving God for his gifts and blessings.
  - c. 3. Loving God for himself alone.
  - d. 4. Loving ourselves for the sake of God.

## Questions to Consider

1. When have I felt disillusioned in my journey of faith?
2. What was God trying to teach me through that experience?
3. Where would I place myself on the four degrees of love?
4. What would it take to go deeper?
5. Who can I share my journey of faith stories with?

## Related Reading

Matthew 26:1-16 (parallel account)

Mark 14:66-72 (Peter disowns Jesus)

1 Cor:18-2:-5 (The cross as the stumbling block)