

The Misunderstood Messiah: Part 8
The Kingdom of the Messiah
Mark 14:3-11

- I. The Implications of What She Did
14:3-5; Isaiah 61:1-3; I Sam. 16:13
 - A. A Symbol of Reckless Devotion
14:4-5
 - B. Anointing the Anointed One
Isaiah 61:1-3; Mark 1:1, 8:29
 - C. Preparing to Die
14:8, 16:1
- II. The Context of What He Said
14:6-9
 - A. Quoting a Concession
14:7; Deut. 15:1-11
 - B. A Challenge to His Disciples
14:7
 - C. Words Worth Dying For
14:10-11
- III. The Takeaway for Us
 - A. The Good News is Reckless
Is. 61:1-3, Jesus' Parables
 - B. The Good News is an Indictment of Empire
Phil. 2:9-11; Rev. 17:14; Col. 3:17
 - C. The Good News is About Death
14:8, 8:31, 34-35; John 12:24-26

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. What assumptions do you bring to this text? Who is this woman? Why are the disciples upset? Why does Jesus say what he says?
2. What does the phrase, "Jesus is King" mean to you?
3. Had you connected this passage with the laws of Jubilee in Deut. 15 before? What do you make of this quote from Jesus?
4. In what ways might Jesus be challenging you to reevaluate your good intentions?
5. How does the reckless nature of the Gospel make you feel? Does it excite you? Scare you? Confuse you?
6. What does it mean for the good news of Jesus to be an indictment of empire today? What kingdoms might Jesus be running a counter-campaign against?
7. What does it look like to take up our cross and follow Jesus?
8. What things might you need to die to? What things might you need to lavishly pour out on Jesus? Lent is an opportunity to do those very things. Spend some time in prayer asking God for direction this season.