

14 THE KING'S
ANOINTING

A STUDY OF
Mark



Mark 14:1; 12; 14; 16 ^{NIV}

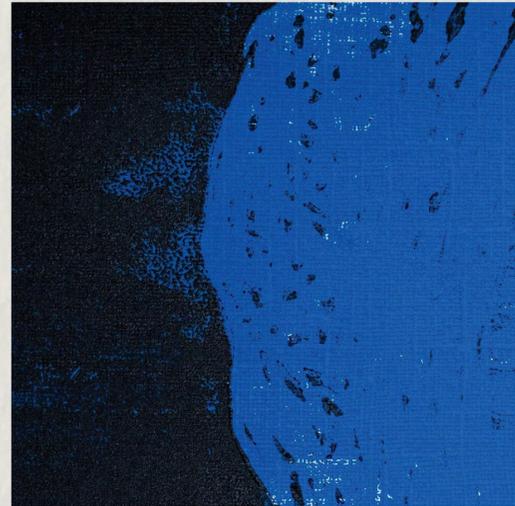
Now the **Passover** and the **Festival of Unleavened Bread** were only two days away...

¹² On the first day of the **Festival of Unleavened Bread**, when it was customary to sacrifice the **Passover** lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the **Passover**?"

¹⁴ ...'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the **Passover** with my disciples?'

¹⁶ ...So they prepared the **Passover**.





Along with other feasts, Passover functions as an act of what we might call *performative memory*. All of these rituals and stories lead to a thorough sense of identification. This dramatic reenactment of that first Passover is done in such a way as to say, “This is *my* story.” And I live in a different way because of it.

- Grant Macaskill, *Living in Union With Christ*



Mark 14:22-26 ^{NIV}

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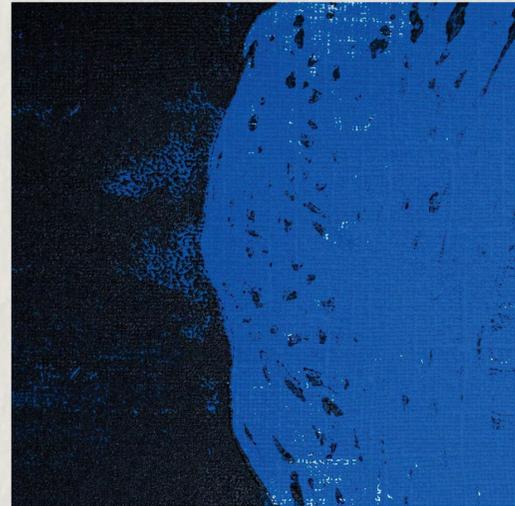
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Communion is a declaration that involves memory: we remember a particular moment in time, a particular point in the story of the world that is now our story. We play it over and over again because it tells us who we are. We are covenant members, beneficiaries of an act of place-taking that does more than simply excuse us: it defines us.

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Mark 14:3a; 17-18a ^{NIV}

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¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating...



Mark 14:1-2; 10-11; 18; 27 NIV

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ² “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

²⁷ “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:
‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’”



Mark 14:3 ^{NIV}

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.



Mark 14:4-5 ^{NIV}

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.



Mark 14:6-8 ^{NIV}

“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.



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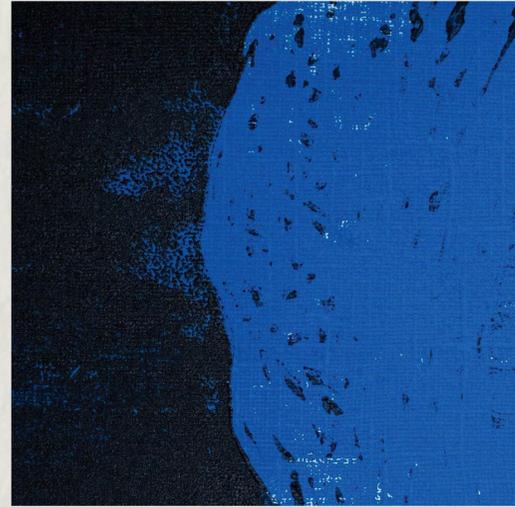
⁸ What she had, she did, she anticipated to anoint my body to burial.



Mark 14:9 ^{NIV}

Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”





Rather than being an empty routine, by inhabiting *that* particular memory, we define ourselves over against worldly values, take up the cross, and align ourselves with God.

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1 Corinthians 11:26 ^{NIV}

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

