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“Limited Time Opportunity”

**“Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”
(Ephesians 5:16)**

**“...But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”
(Luke 22:53)**

Sacrificial Sweet Service

Mark 14:3-9 – ³ “And while (*Jesus*) was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, 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. ⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, ‘Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.’ And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ 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. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ 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.’”

Self Serving Sell Out

Mark 14:10-11 – ¹⁰ “Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.”

The Master who made room for *the* Master

Mark 14:12-16 –¹² “And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, ‘Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?’ ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the

house, The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us. ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover."

Loaded Questions:

- (1) "What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?" (Psalm 116:12)
- (2) "My stuff or God's?"
- (3) "What more does God expect from me?"
- (4) "What has God done for me lately?"
- (5) _____

Contemplations?

- (1) How open/ready am I to give whether little or much?
- (2) Am I in danger of defecting due to self-love, love of money and the love of the world?
- (3) Am I serving the Lord with gladness and zeal now, or am I delaying it for a more opportune/convenient time?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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