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MESSAGE:	Mark 14:1-26
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

As we consider Jesus' last days on the earth, we look at His Last Supper with the disciples and get a glimpse into the hearts of some people who spent time with Him. In this study, we see Jesus' tender and unconditional love and are reminded to take every opportunity for personal intimacy with our Lord.

DETAILED NOTES

- I. Introduction
 - A. "If you cut the Bible anywhere, it bleeds"---Graham Scroggie
 - B. "All heaven is interested in the cross, all of hell is terribly afraid of it, but human beings are the only ones who pretty much ignore its meaning" ---Oswald Chambers
 - C. Paul and Peter didn't ignore its meaning (see 1 Corinthians 2:2 and Galatians 6:14)
 - D. We, God's people, are a cross culture
 1. Baptism (see Romans 6:3)
 2. The Lord's Supper (see 1 Corinthians 11:26)
- II. The festival of the Passover
 - A. People would gather for the meal
 1. Host, father
 2. Children who would ask a question
 - B. 2000 years ago in Jerusalem during Passover
 1. Flavius Josephus documents a total of 246,000 lambs were killed
 2. 2.5 million people swarmed to Jerusalem
 3. Every adult male Jew within 15 miles was required to attend
 4. Storytelling, songs, and riddles about the exodus
 - C. Dinner at Simon the ex-leper's house
 1. Simon was healed by Jesus
 2. A woman with a flask of expensive oil
 - a. Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (see John 12)
 - b. The alabaster flask of spikenard was worth more than \$10,000
 - c. She just wanted to show love to Jesus
 - d. Both Martha and Mary loved Jesus (worship and service in the right balance)
 3. Many stories tell of Jesus eating; Jesus loved to eat; someday we will share a meal with Him (see Revelation 3:20)
 4. Some were indignant about the perceived waste of this expensive oil
 - a. Judas was the instigator (see John 12)

- b. Judas was a thief (see John 12:6)
 - c. Judas was a faultfinder, a sin-sniffer; he was critical and hypocritical
 - d. Jesus stood up for her; He was quoting Deuteronomy 15
 - e. Take the opportunities you have to show kindness
5. Judas conspires to betray Jesus
- 1. He was from the south; he was not a Galilean
 - 2. Judas followed Jesus for his own benefit
 - 3. "A bad man is a worse man when he pretends to be a good man" --- Francis Bacon
 - 4. Judas was one of the 12; he was a hypocrite
- D. Jesus sent Peter and John to find the upper room where they would hold their Passover Feast (see Luke 22:7-13)
- 1. They found the room
 - 2. They prepared the meal
 - 3. Then they sat, or reclined and ate
 - . It was a leisurely meal
 - a. Leonardo da Vinci's painting *The Last Supper* shows them sitting, posing--- not true
 - b. They reclined at a three-sided table
 - c. The meal
 - i. Roasted lamb
 - ii. Unleavened bread
 - iii. Bitter herbs
 - iv. Charoset
- E. Jesus told them one would betray Him
- 1. Two principles
 - 2. Sovereignty of God and the will of man (see Acts 2)
 - 3. Why did Jesus pick Judas as a disciple?
 - . To fulfill Scripture
 - a. Because love, to be true love, is always vulnerable
- F. Jesus blessed and broke the bread
- 1. It was structured around sharing four glasses of wine
 - . The cup of blessing
 - a. The cup of judgment
 - b. The cup of redemption
 - i. This was where Jesus explained His body and blood
 - ii. He gave thanks (*Eucharist* in Greek)
 - c. The cup of praise
 - 2. This was the last Passover Jesus would share on this earth; in the kingdom age, He will share this meal again
- G. They sang a hymn, Psalm 118

Greek Terms: κλέπτης; kleptés, a thief; ἀνάκειμαι; anakeimai, I recline, especially at a dinner table; εὐχαριστέω; eucharisteó, I thank, give thanks

Figures referenced: Graham Scroggie, Oswald Chambers, Flavius Josephus, Francis Bacon

Cross references: Luke 22:7-13, Acts 2, Romans 6:3, I Corinthians 2:2, I Corinthians 11:26, Galatians 6:14, Revelation 3:20

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