

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 14: 1-11



I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.
Psalm 31:13

Praising:

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's
blood?

Died he for me, who caused his
pain;
for me, whom him to death
pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die
for me?

Reading:

Mark 14:1-11

Jesus is anointed and betrayed

Love on the one hand, hate on
the other. But it's more than just a
stark contrast. It's as though the
woman's tenderness is the trigger
for Judas to set off to find the
priests, as though devotion from
her provokes treachery from him.
Reactions to Jesus 2000 years

ago often swung violently from
adoration to spite. Then as now,
few people responded to Christ
with indifference. At times we're
left with the impression that Jesus
was such a forceful presence of
holiness, truth and mercy that the
humble felt drawn to him, while
the proud wanted to get as far
away from him as possible. Of
course most of us would say we
were a mixture of humility and
pride. Maybe that makes it more
a question of which of the two we
give in to.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we think of the ones who
are dear to us

- we thank you for those whose
devotion to Christ is such an
example
- we thank you for those who
have yet to find space in their
lives for Christ
- help us to learn from the first
and to love the second with
the love Jesus showed to us

Father: parts of me are drawn to
Christ, parts of me draw back
from him. When my pride
threatens my humility, remind me
Christ is always there, always
loving, always forgiving. Amen

Doing:

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