

**“Preparations to Kill and to Crown”**

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

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***14 <sup>1</sup>Now the Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread were two days away; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest Him covertly and kill Him; <sup>2</sup>for they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise there will be a riot of the people.”***



***<sup>3</sup>While he was in Bethany at the home of Simon the Leper, he was reclining at the table, and a woman came with an alabaster vial of very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke the vial and poured the perfume over His head. <sup>4</sup>But there were some indignantly remarking to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted?***

***<sup>5</sup>For this perfume could have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they were scolding her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Why are you bothering her? She has done a good deed for Me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me.***

***<sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I say to you, where the gospel is preached in the entire world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her”***



***10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. 11 They were delighted when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.***