

MARK'S OPEN SECRET

*Beautiful Things*

Mark 14:1-11

- i. A Markan sandwich
- ii. A storm is coming and hurdles.

FREEDOM IS A BEAUTIFUL THING WHEN IT OVERCOMES 3 HURDLES ...

I HURDLE ONE: SABOTAGE BY THEOLOGICAL POLICE (1-2)

- a. Passover is freedom time.
- b. Intellectuals were calculating.
- c. Hearts were on the wrong things.

II HURDLE TWO: SABOTAGE BY GRUMBLING (3-9)

- a. They were worried about the money—could've fed up to 7500 people.
- b. Hearts were in the wrong place.
- c. The woman says everything by saying nothing. Her actions preached.
- d. She enacts the ritual ceremony for kings, prophets and priests.
- e. Her heart was in the right place.

III HURDLE THREE: SABOTAGE BY BETRAYAL (10-11)

- a. Let's not be too hard on Judas—we are he!
- b. The curious “delight” of the chief priests.
- c. Hearts were in the wrong place.

This Woman:

1. Was committed to remain calm, be engaged and remember.
2. She gave everything out of her nothing.
3. She said nothing but did everything!
4. Will we?