



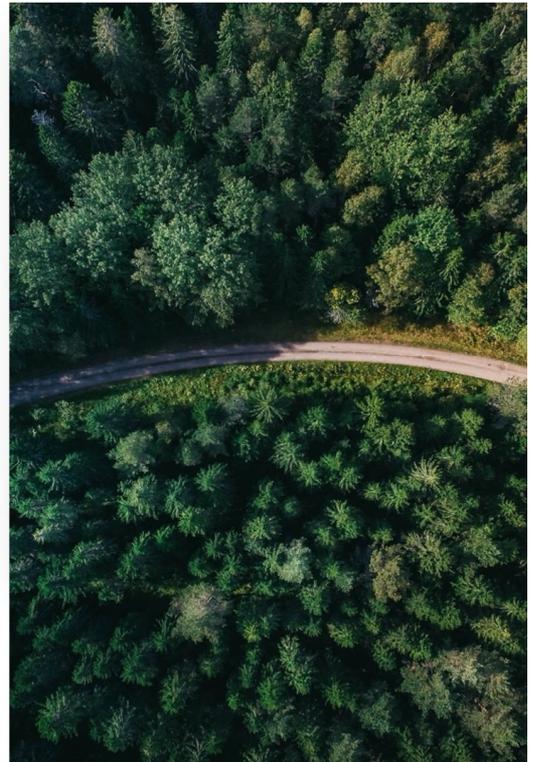
## Our Alabaster Jar

Mark 14:1-9

### Mark 14:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.

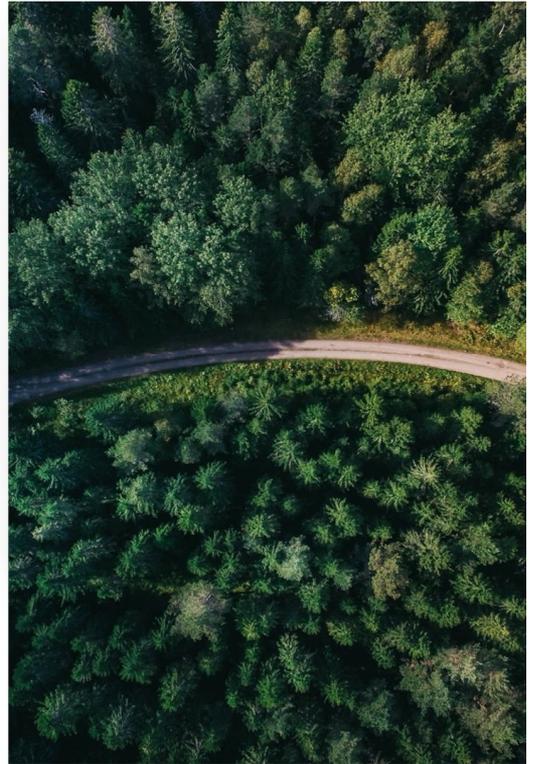
<sup>2</sup> “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”



## Mark 14:3-5

<sup>3</sup> While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

<sup>4</sup> Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

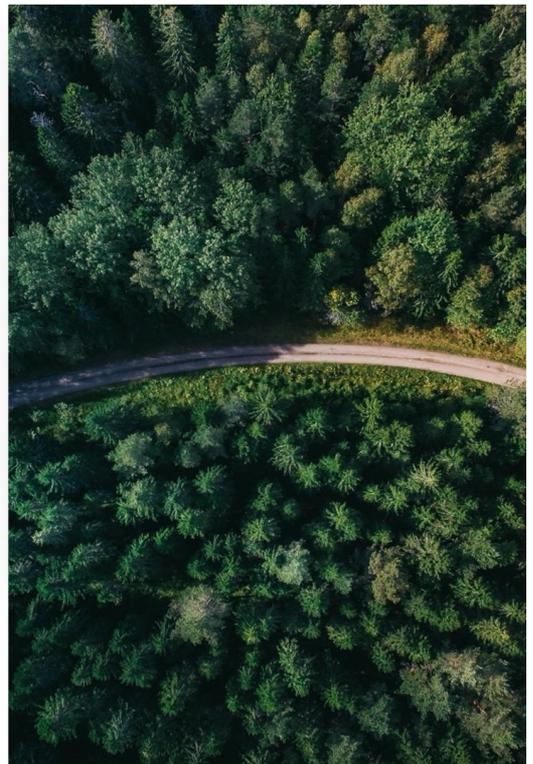


## Mark 14:3-5

<sup>3</sup> While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

vs.

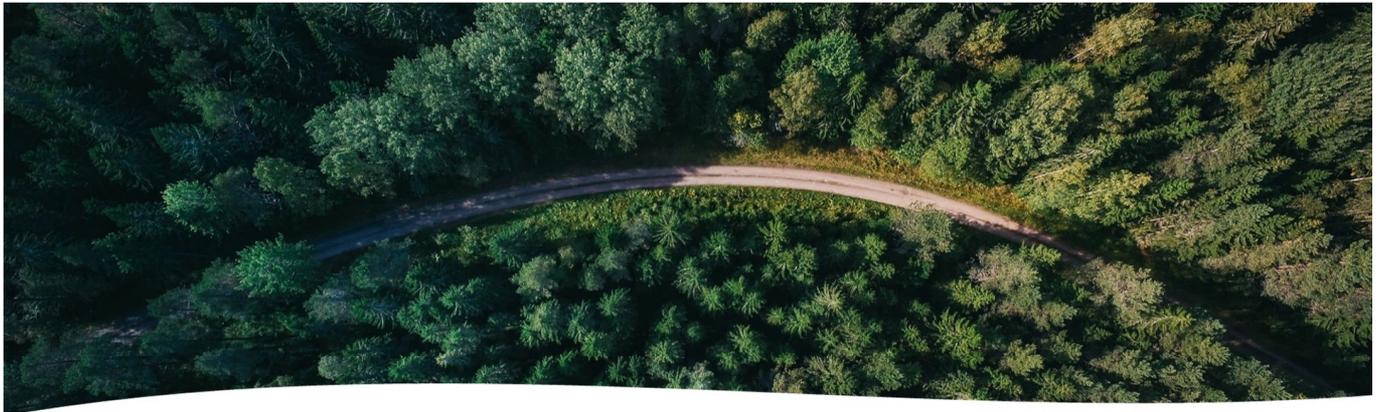
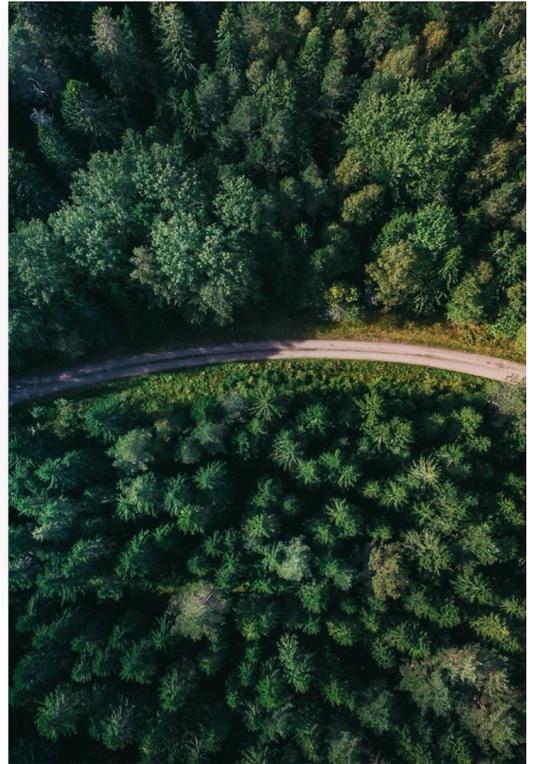
<sup>4</sup> Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.



## Mark 14:6-9

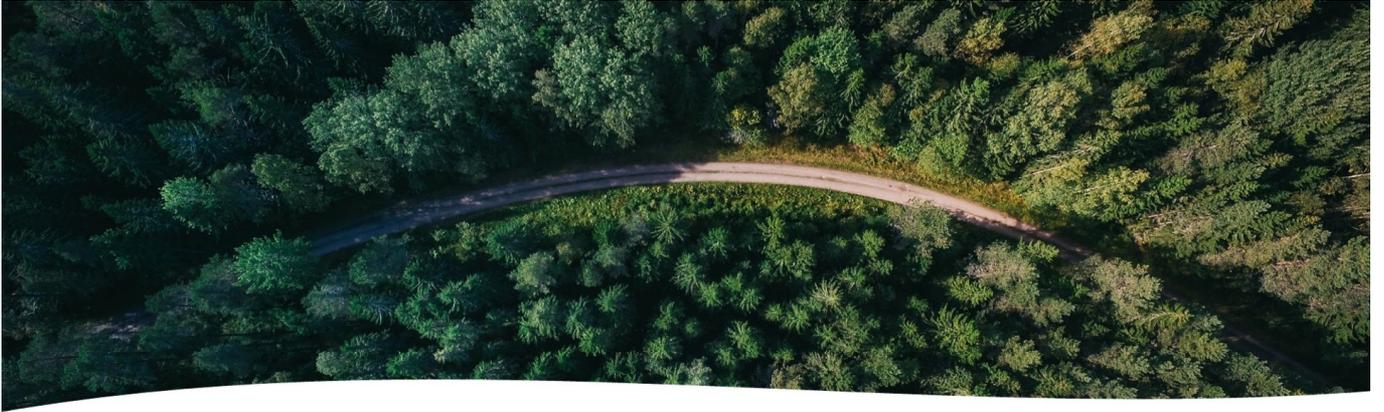
<sup>6</sup> “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.” <sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

<sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

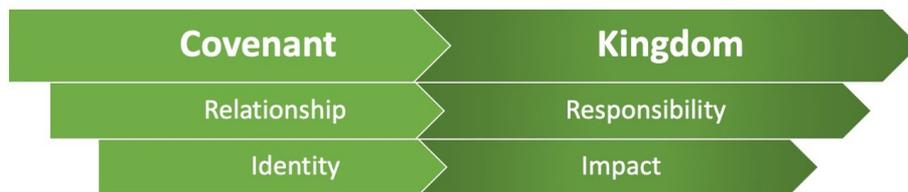


You can love the kingdom and  
still miss the King.

*<sup>6</sup> “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. (Mark 14:6)*



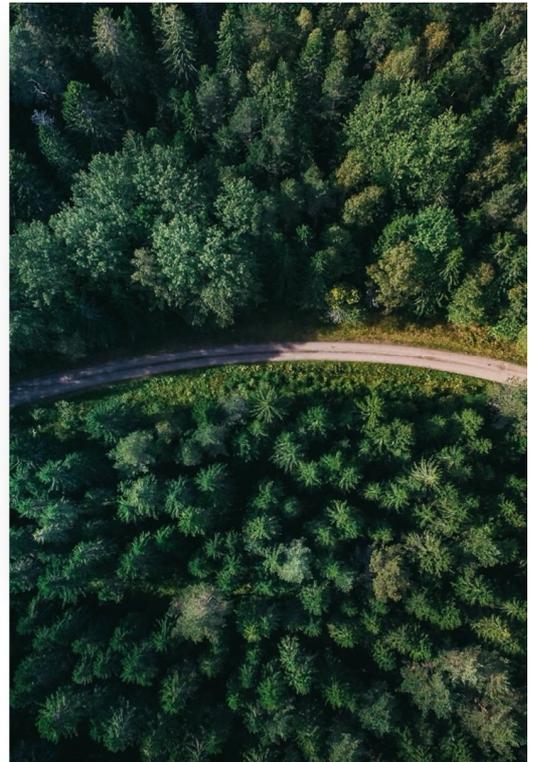
### THE CONSISTENT BIBLICAL ARC



## Mark 14:6-9

<sup>6</sup> “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

<sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”





You can love the kingdom and  
still miss the King.

*“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.” (Mark 14:6)*

## Mark 14:3

<sup>3</sup> While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with **an alabaster jar** of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She **broke the jar** and poured the perfume on his head.



Open-Mouthed Cosmetic Jar with  
Mud Stopper (Egyptian)  
Date: ca. 1504–1447 B.C.



True devotion always costs something that  
cannot be taken back.

*She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.  
(Mark 14:3b)*



“...WHEREVER THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WHAT SHE HAS DONE  
WILL ALSO BE TOLD, IN MEMORY OF HER.”

- You can love the kingdom and still miss the King.
- True devotion always costs something that cannot be taken back.