**Love and Hate**

“Understanding why and how we love, and they hate.”

**Text**: **Mark 14:1-11**, “It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, **2**for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

**3**And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. **4**There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? **5**For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. **6**But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. **7**For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. **8**She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. **9**And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

**10**Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. **11**And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.” **English Standard Version**

*When it comes to hate*…

**Point #1**: **Expect** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1-2**

*When it comes to love*…

**Point #2**: **Publicly** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.3-9**

*When it comes to hate*…

**Point #3**: **Don’t** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.10-11**

**Corollary Verses**: John 11:47-52, 15:18-20; James 4:4; Matthew 26:8; John 12:5-6; Mark 12:41-44; Matthew 26:15; and Deuteronomy 27:25.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Amos 5:10**; **John 3:19**, **15:18-27**; **Matthew 10:22, 24:9**; and **Romans 1:18, 29-30** then answer the following questions. Why are Christians so hated by the world (non-believers)? Why was it so important for Jesus to remind his disciples that they would be hated for His sake? Why do unbelievers have a strong desire to suppress the truth of God and His word? Do you ever remember a time when you have done that very thing?
2. Read **Mark 14:3-9** and **Mark 12:41-44** then answer the following questions. What parallels exits between the poor old widow’s act of sacrificial giving and Mary’s act of sacrificial giving? What are the differences between the two? What can you learn from these two historical acts of sacrificial giving?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** and **Matthew 6:1-4** then answer the following questions. What rules or guidelines are given in these two passages that should not only influence, but guide your discipline of worship through giving? List the negatives and the positive commands. How do these passages relate to participating in public acts of sacrificial giving?
4. Read **Matthew 25:31-46**; **James 2:15-16**; and **1 John 3:12** then answer the following questions. Although, some people may use this passage in Mark 14:3-9 to dismiss their responsibility to care for the poor, according to the passages above, what are a believer’s responsibility to the poor? What can you do to personally to assist those who are economically struggling? How can you improve your ministry to the poor and widows?