

Mary demonstrated her love for Jesus by a lovely act, reminding us how love should be

_____.

She expressed her love in a timely manner, at the _____ moment.

She did what she _____, and for her to do less would have been a cheap expression of her love.

She put _____ into her gift, and it meant a great deal to Jesus.

Jesus said what she did for Him would never be _____.

Let's express our love for Jesus, and for each other, in ways that make it stand out like a _____ among _____.

A ROSE AMONG THORNS

Mark 14:1-11

Introduction:

It would appear that Mark has intentionally placed a _____ among _____ in our text for today.

Ancient historians often recorded history

_____.

I. THE THORNS

Mark 1-2, 10-11

The first thorn was the _____ of the chief priests and scribes.

They had long before decided that Jesus had to be

_____.

They hadn't been able to turn the masses against Him, so they decided to take matters into their own hands _____.

They had apparently decided to wait until _____ the Passover to kill Him.

It was the will of God, however, for the _____ of God to be offered on Passover.

God's will was made possible by the _____ of Judas.

Why he went to the chief priests and offered to betray Jesus we can only _____.

Whatever his motivation, his betrayal of Jesus was an _____ thing.

II. THE ROSE

Mark 14:3-9

Mark doesn't tell us this was _____, but John gives us her name.

Mary had an alabaster vial filled with a pound of pure _____, a very costly aromatic from the mountains of India.

She broke the neck of the vial, and poured it all over Jesus' _____ and _____.

It was an act of _____ that wasn't well received by most at the dinner.

But Jesus came to Mary's defense, and in doing so revealed her act as a beautiful picture of _____.