

## A Small Bit of Evidence That the Bible Is True: “What this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.” (Mark 14:9)

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Although Mark 14:3–9 is just a short paragraph, it is a remarkable portion of the Bible. At first glance it appears to be nothing more than an off-hand comment. A woman had just poured some expensive perfume on Jesus’ feet. She then proceeded to drip her tears on Jesus’ feet and wipe them with her hair. Why did she do this? The Bible tells us that she was so thankful, so appreciative, of the forgiveness that Jesus had given her that, in order to show her love and appreciation, she washed Jesus’ feet with her tears and broke open an expensive jar of perfume to pour on him.

This doesn’t appear to be especially remarkable. What is it that makes these few verses memorable? Although the woman’s love for her Lord is amazing in itself, it is the statement of Jesus that is truly noteworthy here. Why? Because, these words, spoken by Jesus, are a prediction of two future events. Jesus said:

Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her. (Mark 14:9)

What are the two future events that Jesus predicted? First, He predicted that *the gospel would be preached in the whole world*. Roughly 2,000 years have passed since Jesus spoke those statements, and in those years the gospel has indeed been preached the world over. And secondly, sure enough, along with the gospel (in fact, written in the Gospel according to Mark) *the story of this woman has also been told*.

Now, you may ask, why is any of this noteworthy? Here is the reason. Though these verses are such a seemingly minor section of the Bible, an enormous implication is understood in these sentences. For how could Jesus have known such a thing? How could He have known that the gospel was going to be preached in all the world? How could anyone have known back then that the

words spoken to a little rag-tag group of disciples in a small room were going to spread like wild-fire to the uttermost parts of the earth? How could Jesus have known ahead of time that Christianity was going to become a major world religion—unless . . . unless He was different from the founders of all other religions.

The founders of all other major religions are simply human beings. Jesus claimed to be more: He claimed to be God the Son, God in the flesh. This is what is implied when Jesus speaks these words. He is predicting that not only is the story of this woman going to spread across the globe, but even more importantly, His story will spread across the globe. His story is the gospel. His story is the story of a God Who loved sinful people like you and me so much that He sent His only Son to take upon Himself the guilt of our sin, suffer and die to pay sin’s price, and then rise to life again to ensure that sinners may share in eternal life.

It is comforting to know that God makes sure that even small predictions like this one are fulfilled. This means that we can trust the entire Bible to be not simply the words of men but rather the Word of God. The story of this woman, is also important, because it shows Jesus’ love and concern for one lowly individual. The Bible says that:

God so loved the world. (John 3:16)

You, too, can be sure that He has that same love and concern for you. You can be certain that if Jesus is concerned for her, He is likewise concerned for you in this life and for the life to come.

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