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In Memory of These Women

Mark 14:3-8 & Philippians 4:3 • August 11, 2024

Questions For Reflection

- 1. The daughters of Zelophehad took the initiative to speak up about an injustice (Num 27:1-7). Why is this story remarkable? What can we learn from this?
- 2. Peter's mother-in-law is healed and immediately responds to Jesus as angels did (Mark 1:30-31; compare Mark 1:13). What does her response tell us about the gospel and discipleship?
- 3. The woman with an issue of blood acted in faith, wishing only to touch the garments of Jesus to receive healing (Mark 5:25-34). When the disciples respond to Jesus incredulously, the woman falls at Jesus' feet ("with fear and trembling") and is told her faith made her well. What does her response tell us about the gospel and discipleship?
- 4. The Syrophoenician woman is willing to wear a demeaning label, acknowledging Jesus' complete rule and wishing only that her daughter may be healed (Mark 7:24-30). What does her response tell us about the gospel and discipleship?
- 5. The widow who places two small copper coins in the treasury gave "out of her poverty" and "put in everything she had to live on" (Mark 12:41-44). What does her response tell us about the gospel and discipleship?
- 6. The woman who anointed Jesus' head with pure nard is praised by Jesus for anointing his body "before burial" (Mark 14:3-8). Jesus adds that "wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." What does her action tell us about the gospel and discipleship?
- 7. The women in Mark are unnamed, yet their stories show the gospel. Discuss.