

## NOTES

Refer to **Recap** slide.

- We're looking at the last week of Jesus' life and He's just finished His last sermon.
- The truth that was revealed: Jesus is coming back at some point and when He comes back, He's going to judge the nations, so we need to live accordingly.
- Moving forward we'll be looking at the final 48 hours of Jesus' life and the crucifixion.

Verses 1-16:

- Three preparatory events leading up to the death of Jesus.
  - o Plotting to kill Jesus
  - o Act of devotion
  - o Plan to betray Jesus
- Takes place during Passover when the Jews are remembering God's deliverance of their ancestors from Egyptian slavery and many are looking forward to the coming of the Messiah.
- The religious leaders want to arrest Jesus but they don't want to start a riot or turn people away from them.
- Judas provides the solution to their problem by offering to betray Jesus.
- 3 of the potential reasons Judas may have chosen to betray Jesus:
  - o Greed
  - o Disillusionment to the point of anger/disgust – If Jesus was going to die then in his mind He couldn't be the Messiah.
  - o Provoking a confrontation – Believing Jesus was the Messiah Judas wanted to create a situation where Jesus would operate as the conquering king he believed Him to be.

Refer to **Emulating Mary** slides.

- Mary pours perfume on Jesus that is valued at a year's salary.
- Reaction of the disciples versus the response of Jesus:
  - o The disciples are indignant – seeing it as a waste.
  - o Jesus defends her actions – they would always have the poor, preparing Jesus' body for burial would happen only once. It was a beautiful and timely thing to do.
- How we emulate Mary:
  - o Recognizing the worth/value of Jesus and living in light of that.
  - o We can grow in that through:
    - Worship focused on Jesus – spiritual practice that can help us move toward that.
    - Reading and meditating on passages that exalt Jesus (see revelations, psalms)
    - Doing the good works He's prepared in advance for us to do. In a parallel passage in Mark 14, Jesus tells the disciples in His defense of her that she did what she could.
      - We're all given spiritual land to cultivate
  - o Looking back at the Mark 12:41-44, we see that Jesus' valuation of the woman's offering is different than ours.

## QUESTIONS

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David talked about how Mary's action was viewed in two very different ways. Are there places in your life where looking back you would say that when you poured out your oil it was viewed as a waste? Have you taken that to Him to ask Him to show you His valuation of your obedience?

From David:

Do you know what Jesus is doing in your world? Do you know what Jesus is doing in the lives of the people you love?

What resources have you been given? Are you bringing those resources to Him to be used according to His leading?