

HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

MATTHEW 26:1-16, - JULY 26, 2020

Last Days

Putting a Price on The Death of Jesus

WARM-UP

What is the most colossal waste of money you have ever seen? If you had a year's wages to spend without guilt on one special gift, what would you buy? - For whom?

1. Read Matthew 26:1-16 - The actors in this story had plans regarding Jesus' death. What did they each want to achieve by their actions? The religious leaders? Judas? Mary?
2. In what way did their view of Jesus dictate their actions: The leaders? Judas? Mary?
3. What things in the narrative indicate that Mary's intimate out pouring of costly love was not a momentary outburst but premeditated calculated heart worship? Cf also John 12:2-5 Why do you think the approaching death of Jesus made her respond to Him in this way?
4. How did Judas and the 11 describe Mary's anointing of Jesus? v8 Why? What did Jesus call what she did? v10 What does His perpetual memorial of her tell us?
5. How did she get her insight about Jesus death while the 12 with more exposure to His teaching missed it? Cf Luke 10:38-41 What is the example and warning for us?
6. With which of these groups do you identify? Why?
 - Religious Leaders – saw Jesus as a barrier to their current life that needed to be removed
 - Judas – saw Jesus as valuable if he remained a means to get what he wanted
 - Mary – saw Jesus as her loving Lord laying down His life and worthy of complete worship

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

If our sacrificial, affectionate love and worship pleases God,
[See John 4:23, Isaiah 62:3-5, Hebrews 13:16, Ephesians 5:8-10]
what lavish and beautiful thing might you pour on Jesus this week in worship?
