

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 23, 2016

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the anointed Son of God, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, who is worthy of all worship and praise.

This Week's Text: John 12:1-19

"Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." **Matthew 26:6-13**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- Read verses 2-4. Discuss the various ways that Lazarus, Martha, and Mary worshipped Jesus. What is worship? What convinced them that Jesus was worthy of worship?
- What can we learn from Mary's act of worship? Why did she anoint Jesus' feet? What did she communicate by using expensive perfume? How does knowing first century culture enhance our understanding of the significance of her act of worship?
- Why did Judas respond the way he did? What was he concerned about more than Jesus' glory? What do you do when you are convicted of pursuing your own glory over Jesus' glory?
- Compare and contrast verses 1-8 with Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9. What are the similarities and differences of these accounts? How does it give you a better understanding of this week's passage?
- What does Jesus mean by his response in verses 7-8? What is soon approaching? How does Mary's act of adoration point to the gospel?
- In this week's text we see some responding to Jesus' miracles and revelation with praise and others with rebellion. Are there people in your life that you love and care about that need Jesus? How does the passage encourage you to declare demonstrate the gospel in your community spheres of influence?