

Kingdom Reclaimed
Matthew 26:1-29
Study Guide

1. Read Matthew 26:1-5. Discuss the implications of the sovereignty of God. For example, Jesus prepared the disciples for the crucifixion so they wouldn't be surprised, and He wasn't a victim of evil leaders. He was in full control. How does that change the way you think about current events?
2. Read Matthew 26:6-13. Why do you think this act of worship was "*beautiful*", extravagant and memorable? What does this act of worship tell us about the love this woman had for Jesus and how does it compare to our own experience with Christ?
3. Read Matthew 26:14-25. Notice the duplicity and hypocrisy in Judas. How could he have been a part of the core for three years and not have been changed? Notice that the disciples called Jesus "Lord" (v.22) and Judas called him "Rabbi" (v.25). What is the difference? Discuss the idea that true worship is an "All-in" thing.
4. Read Matthew 26:26-29. Jesus allowed His body to become an offering for us. When we get a glimpse of His love for us, we can become true worshippers. What has that journey been like for you? Discuss.

Message Slides

The Kingdom Has Come

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Clash of Kingdoms

Reclaiming the Kingdom

Big Idea- Worship is an “All-in” Thing

I. The Sovereignty of God (v.1-5)

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.⁵But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

II. Open Extravagant Worship (v.6-13)

⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,⁷a 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.⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?”⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”

II. Open Extravagant Worship (v.6-13 cont.)

¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.¹³Truly, 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.”

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1. Beautiful. (v.10)
2. Extravagant. (v.11)
3. Memorable (v.13)

Big Idea- Worship is an “All-in” Thing

III. False Worship (v. 14-25)

A. Duplicity (v.14-16)

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

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Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

II. False Worship**B. Hypocrisy (v.17-25)**

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

II. False Worship**B. Hypocrisy (v.17-25 cont.)**

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

Big Idea- Worship is an “All-in” Thing**IV. The Object of our Worship (v.26-29)**

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”