

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

ADORATION AND BETRAYAL OF GOD'S SERVANT Mark 14:1-11

Main Thought: In Mark 14:1-11, we discover an extravagant act of love and a selfish act of betrayal from which we can learn some important lessons.

1. AN EXTRAVAGANT ACT OF _____ (vv 1-9)
 - 1) Jesus _____ by Mary
 - 2) Mary's worship _____
 - 3) Mary's worship _____
 - 4) Lessons for us:
 - (1) _____ of God can be costly
 - (2) You may be _____
 - (3) Worship of God should flow out of our _____ for Him.

2. A _____ ACT OF BETRAYAL (vv 10-11)
 - 1) Judas agrees to _____ Jesus
 - 2) The _____ of Judas
 - (1) He was _____ (Jn. 12:4)
 - (2) He was a _____ (Jn. 12:5)
 - (3) He was _____ (Jn. 13:29)
 - 3) Lessons or us:
 - (1) Jesus: "You cannot _____ both God and money" (Mt. 6:24)
 - (2) Beware the slippery slope of _____
 - (3) It is possible to be near Jesus and still be far away _____

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. In prayer ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you read Mark 14:1-11.

2. What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings and yourself from this passage?

4. Is there anything you didn't understand in the passage? Were you able to find an answer for your question(s)? If so, what did you discover?

5. What lessons do you learn from this passage and how will you apply them to your life this week?

Digging Deeper:

6. Read the parallel passages in Matthew 26:2-16, John 12:1-11 and Luke 22:1-6. What additional information do you learn from these passages?

7. Who was plotting to kill Jesus? Why? What occasion were they seeking? (14:1-2)

8. Why did the woman anoint Jesus with such expensive perfume? What do you think was the woman's motive? Who was the woman? What do we know about her?

9. How valuable was it in terms of a laborer's wages? How would these wages translate to your currency today? (14:5)

10. Why were some people upset about the extravagance? Would you be upset at this extravagance? Why or why not? (14:5)

11. How did Jesus interpret the gesture? Why did he defend her? (14:6-8)

12. John tells us that Judas objected to the extravagance (John 12:4-6)? According to John, what was his motive? What do you think it was about this act that was the final straw for Judas?

13. What can we learn from Mary act of extravagant love for Jesus? What can we learn from Judas' act of betrayal?