

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.

A PLOT TO KILL AND A PLOT TO HONOR John 11:45-12:11

Main Thought: In John 11:45-12:11, we discover two plots which once again challenge us to decide what we will do with Jesus.

1. A PLOT TO _____ (11:45-57)

- 1) A mixed _____ to Lazarus' resurrection
- 2) _____ to Jesus increases & mobilizes
- 3) A _____ retreat
- 4) The _____ is set for the final act
- 5) How have you _____ to Jesus?

2. A PLOT TO _____ (12:1-11)

- 1) Mary's act of _____
 - 1) It was an act of _____.
 - 2) It was selfless, _____, and extravagant.
- 2) _____ causes a stink
- 3) The _____ praise and rebuke
- 4) How do you or will you show your _____ to Christ on a daily basis?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 11:45-12:11 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

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

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What responses does the Lazarus miracle produce? Why?

8. What are the chief concerns of the religious leaders? What do they fail to see in the story?

9. How does Caiaphas propose to solve the "Jesus problem"? How does his murderous threat unwittingly convey prophetic truth about Jesus' death?

10. How does Jesus respond to this new situation?

11. What is the Jewish Passover all about?

12. Why does Mary anoint Jesus' feet with expensive perfume? What characteristics of selfless devotion to Jesus can you identify in her actions?

13. How does Judas respond?

14. How does Jesus respond to Judas?

15. Why did the religious leaders want to kill Lazarus as well as Jesus?