

Planning a Funeral

The murder of Jesus is planned by religious leaders who _____
more than God.

Jesus is a threat to their _____

The _____ influences them more than
the fear of God.

The death of Jesus is anticipated by a woman who _____
more than anything.

She honors Jesus with an _____
of love.

She is criticized by _____

She is commended for her _____

She is commemorated _____

The betrayal of Jesus is arranged by a disciple who _____
more than the Messiah.

Judas is _____ and likely disillusioned.

He agrees to exchange _____

He gains much but _____

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
3. What is a question you have?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. What are different things we “love”? What range of meaning does the word “love” have? What kinds of things compete for our love? What kinds of things compete with our love for Jesus?
2. Read Mark 14:1-2. What is the Passover all about and why is it important to the Jewish people? Why were the religious leaders so set on getting rid of Jesus? (scan Matthew 23 and see John 11:47-48). What do we sometimes fear more than God?
3. Read Mark 14:3-5. What is significant about this woman’s actions? How big of a deal was this? What might compare to this today? Why did she do it? Why was there criticism from some of those sitting around? What additional information does John 12:3-6 teach us about this event?

What are extravagant ways we sometimes show love that seem like a waste? Is it a waste?
4. Read Mark 14:6-9. Why will we always have the poor with us? What do Jesus’ words teach us about dealing with the poor? Why was the woman’s act so significant to Jesus? How do you suppose the people sitting around responded to this?
5. How can we show extravagant love to Jesus? How have Jesus’ words in verse 9 come true?
6. Read Mark 14:10-11. What is motivating Judas (see John 12:3-6)? Why might disillusionment also be shaping his actions? How does Judas’ willingness to betray Jesus change the plans of the religious leaders we read about in 14:1-2? What does this teach us about who is in control of all that is happening?
7. The sermon outline made a point that other things often compete for our love for Jesus. What competes for yours? What will you do about it?