

Sermon Guide



“Worship or Betrayal” March 20th, 2023

“⁶ Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,^[a] ⁷ 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. ⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.”

Matthew 26:6-14

- 1. The disciples complained about the “waste” of the ointment Mary poured on Jesus’ feet. Yet, to Jesus, the sacrifice was beautiful.** Are there sacrifices God calls you to make that others might see as a waste?
- 2. Simon the leper continued to be referred to as a leper, despite being healed of leprosy. JC said, “Some of us are so insulated from our past that we forget what God has done for us.”** What comes to mind when you hear those words?
- 3. JC said we come to Jesus because we see Him as useful or because we see Him as beautiful.** As you reflect on your walk with Jesus, how do you see Him? Does His beauty enrapture you? Or are you in a season where Jesus seems more useful than beautiful?
- 4. JC challenges us to ask, “Is your affection for Jesus growing?”** How would you answer that question?

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?