

## SESSION 1

### WHAT WOULD JUDAS ISCARIOT SAY?

#### I. THE ALABASTER

- A. Mary of Bethany breaks the alabaster flask and washes Jesus' feet ([Matthew 26:7](#))
  - 1. No indication that she has the means to pour out this oil
  - 2. Mary is often seen being reprimanded, but Jesus defends her every time
- B. The disciples are indignant about Mary's "waste," but Jesus corrects them and vindicates Mary ([Matthew 26:8-13](#))
  - 1. It is good and right to take care of the poor; their outcry is just
  - 2. But it is also good and right to lavish extravagant worship unto Jesus
- C. Jesus goes as far as to tell them to include Mary's act in the telling of the Gospel; she is the template of "all in" love ([v. 13](#))
- D. Immediately following this act, Judas the Traitor betrays Jesus ([v. 14](#))
  - 1. He loved money, prosperity, "the good life"
  - 2. He used his proximity to Jesus for his personal gain

#### II. WHAT WOULD JUDAS ISCARIOT CONSIDER A WASTE?

- A. Jesus laid His life down at the right and appropriate time
- B. The appropriate time was catalyzed by Judas' offense at Mary's extravagance
- C. Every one of the disciples was on board with accusing Mary of waste, but it started with Judas ([John 12:4](#))
  - 1. The scriptures even make it a point to clarify that Judas is a thief ([v. 6](#))
  - 2. Of course Judas is frustrated by Mary's "waste," he wanted a cut
- D. You get one shot to respond to the worth of Jesus, Mary knew not to waste it

#### III. EXTRAVAGANT OBEDIENCE

- A. When someone is extravagant in obedience to Jesus, is it a waste?
- B. Judas Iscariot, like the world, would look at John Allen Chau and call him a fool
- C. A person who believes that Jesus is Lord and Savior must see the events that led to John Allen Chau's death in November 18 differently