

SERMON SERIES: Encounters
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Key Line

Jesus goes beyond our expectations and invites us to encounter him.

Introduction

Share a time when you expected one thing to happen and something different happened.

Seek the Word

Read Mark 13:32-14:10.

- Why did the religious leaders hate Jesus? *(They had expectations of him that he did not come to fulfill. He spent time with sinners; he pointed out their own sins; they wanted a political leader and wanted him to overthrow Rome and bring them freedom.)*
- Why did Mary pour a year's wages on Jesus? *(She was grateful and recognized who he was. He paid attention to her and cared about her when other men did not pay attention to women. He made time for her and saw her. She had seen him do things that proved who he was. He had the power to forgive sins.)*
- In verse 6, Jesus told his disciples to allow her to anoint him. Why did Jesus say that wherever the gospel is preached her story would be told? *(She recognized him as the son of God. She knew who he was when most others did not.)*
- Mark 14:10 tells about Judas's betrayal. Why did Judas betray Jesus? *(He never really understood who Jesus was.)*

Talk About It

- What are some expectations you put on Jesus? Are these realistic expectations that accurately reflect who Jesus is and what he came here for?
- What are some ways God has worked in your life that show you his love? How can you express your gratitude to him for those?
- Do you feel more like Mary or Judas? Do you connect with Jesus and know who he is?
- How can you connect with Jesus and encounter him this week? How can we help each other do this?