

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 26:1-35

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. If you had a year's wages to blow on one special gift, what would you buy and for whom?
2. As a kid, what were mealtimes like in your family? Where did everyone sit around the table? What behavior was not allowed?
3. What very sincere promise did you once make but failed to deliver on?

Getting us into Scripture

4. Why was Passover an appropriate time for the events of verses 1-5 to unfold? Why might the timing be risky?
5. What is significant about the setting for this woman's gift to Jesus?
6. What context in Jesus' life (v. 12) justifies this woman's act? Why are the disciples indignant?
7. What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples about priorities?
8. How could this scene relate to what happens in verses 14-16?
9. What do you know about the Feast of Unleavened Bread (see Ex 12:1-30)?
10. Why do you think Jesus was so secretive about his arrangements for the Passover meal?
11. In what stages does Jesus reveal his betrayer (vv. 21, 23, 25)? Why does he do this?
12. In what ways do the bread and wine relate to his body and blood?
13. What emotions and motives accompany Jesus' next prediction? Peter's vow? Jesus' reply? Peter's follow-up vow?

Getting Scripture into us

14. What “beautiful” thing could you do this week for Jesus (or “the least of these”)?
15. Whereas the woman (v. 7) gave lavishly *for* Jesus, Judas wanted to see what he could get *from* him. In what ways are you like the woman? In what ways are you like Judas?
16. What does Communion mean to you?
17. How deeply do you know God's forgiveness of your sins? Why do many Christians struggle with guilt if Jesus provides the forgiveness of sins?
18. What impresses you most about Jesus at the Last Supper?
19. When have you felt betrayed? How did you deal with it?
20. When, if ever, have you had the rooster crow in your relationship with Jesus? How did you and Jesus resolve that issue?