

## Covenant Group and Personal Study Guide

Bible Verses and Sermon Discussion for March 24, 2024

Scripture Focus: Mark 14:3-9



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If you weren't able to hear the sermon on Sunday, it can be viewed on the church's YouTube page.

**Study Questions for Discussion:** The following are provided to assist you in your journey to know the Word of God better. Whether you search out the answers individually or as a group, our prayer is that your commitment is blessed, your study time is fulfilling, and your faith is strengthened.

1. Read the story of the woman anointing Jesus at Bethany. Mark 14:3-9.
  - a. Why did the woman anoint Jesus with such expensive perfume? What do you think was the woman's motive?
  - b. Why were some people upset about the extravagance?
  - c. How did Jesus interpret the gesture? Why did he defend her?

Pastor Clint shared a diagram of the Lenten journey we have taken these past weeks. Review the scripture and consider each step with the questions below to assist you.

### Lent Chart

#### **Give up trust in:**

Wealth - Rich man called to sell all he has. (Mark 10:17-27)

Personal power - James' and John's request of Jesus. (Mark 10:35-45)

Own Authority - Who owns the vineyard entrusted to us? (Mark 12:1-12)

#### **Take hold of:**

God's Love - Widow gives, not out of surplus, but all she had .... Like God has done for us. (Mark 12:41-44)

God's Promise - Must believe His promise, that He will return and reign, if we are going to faithfully persevere; Watch! (Mark 13:1-8, 24-37)

God's Spirit - Is He worthy of our trust? (John 3:16-17)

- b. Falsely putting our trust in money, power, authority, or fill in the blank \_\_\_\_\_, is a battle we are faced with daily. What ways has God provided to strengthen and protect each of us? These verses may help you to compose your answer. (Psalm 145:17-18, Proverbs 16:33, Romans 8:14-17, Galatians 2:20)
- c. In Mark 8:27-29, Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" Their answer showed how the people responded with varied possibilities. Jesus then asked, "Who do you say I am?" How do you answer the question? Give reasons for your answer.
- d. What truths about Jesus and the Kingdom that He brings, have you discovered through the Scripture we've been studying? Has anything about Him surprised you? Convicted you? Comforted you?