

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 3/9/14

Matt. 26:1-16

Focus: *This passage challenges us to worship Jesus beautifully and beware of greed that robs us of that treasure.*

Discussion Guide:

- *Read the passage aloud. Now read the parallel passage in John 12.1-7*
- *Jesus describes Mary's act as a "beautiful thing". Why do you think Jesus regarded this as beautiful? Discuss ideas like the extravagance and cost, the emotion and humility of the offering. Why was this a particularly appropriate act in light of Jesus' impending death within the week?*
- *How can we apply to our acts of worship the principles that made Mary's offering so beautiful? How would this kind of worship look like in your life? What is one act of worship you could do that would be a beautiful thing to Jesus in light of this example?*
- *What do you think was driving the disciple's rejection of her act? How can we fall prey to that same judgmental spirit?*
- *What is your reaction to Judas' willingness to betray Christ at this particular point? What could cause him to do that??*
- *Jesus says in Luke 12.15 to watch out and guard against greed. What helps guard your heart?*