



WEEK 2: DEVOTED | NICK CARNES

All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.

Matthew 26:1-2 When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he told his disciples, ² “You know that the Passover takes place after two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Matthew 26:3-5 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the courtyard of the high priest, who was named Caiaphas, ⁴ and they conspired to arrest Jesus in a treacherous way and kill him. ⁵ “Not during the festival,” they said, “so there won’t be rioting among the people.”

Matthew 26:6-9 While Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman approached him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸ When the disciples saw it, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. ⁹ “This might have been sold for a great deal and given to the poor.”

John 12:3-6 Then Mary took a pound of perfume, pure and expensive nard, anointed Jesus’s feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. So the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ Then one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot (who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ “Why wasn’t this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶ He didn’t say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the money-bag and would steal part of what was put in it.

True _____ to Jesus doesn’t just reveal love, it exposes _____ and _____ is fake

Matthew 26:10-13 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a noble thing for me. ¹¹ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. ¹² By pouring this perfume on my body, she has prepared me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Social _____ are important, but they don't supersede the _____

Matthew 26:14-16 Then one of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they weighed out thirty pieces of silver for him. ¹⁶ And from that time he started looking for a good opportunity to betray him.

NOTES:

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This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. How would you define "devotion" in your own words, and what does your current life show you are most devoted to? Where do your time, energy, and resources naturally go? What does that reveal?
3. The disciples heard Jesus clearly but still misunderstood Him. Why do you think it's so easy to "hear" truth but still miss it? Where might you be filtering God's truth through your own expectations or desires?
4. In this passage, we see different types of devotion (religious leaders, Judas, Mary). Which example do you find most convicting or relatable, and why? Have you ever seen "good" actions be driven by wrong motives in your own life?
5. Mary gave something extremely valuable in an act of worship. What would "costly devotion" to Jesus look like in your life right now? Is there anything you're holding back from fully surrendering to Him?
6. Judas used concern for the poor to mask selfishness. Have you ever justified something spiritually that was actually driven by self-interest? How can you guard your heart against this?
7. Everyone involved with this event was devoted to something. If someone examined your life closely, what would they say you are truly devoted to? What is one practical step you can take this week to deepen your devotion to Jesus?