

Lesson #27- Matthew Chapter 26 Questions for Discussion:

In this chapter:

- Renewed warning to the disciples. From Prophet to Priest.
 - The plot to kill Jesus
 - Jesus anointed for burial, the alabaster box of ointment
 - Jesus sold for thirty pieces of silver
 - The last supper
 - The warning of denial
 - The agony in the garden
 - Betrayal and arrest
 - The mock trial before Caiaphas and the Jewish leaders
 - Peter's denial
1. Looking at verses 1 and 2, what do you think is important about "when Jesus had finished all these sayings" and why does Jesus speak as though His betrayal has already happened?

2. Verses 4-5: Why do you think these very respected and law-abiding, even more so, law-administering people would consult (conspire) to murder someone by subtility (treachery)?

3. Discuss the significance of the woman and the alabaster box of ointment and the blessing Jesus bestowed on her.

4. What is the significance of thirty pieces of silver?

5. Why does the church practice a “last supper” ordinance? Where do we find authority and/or command to do this and what does it mean? Where do you find basis for your answers in Scriptures?

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8. Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection is beyond anything a human poet or writer could ever have dreamed up. Twice Jesus straightly reveals why the story unfolded in such a way. What explanation did Jesus give and what is so important about it?

9. Discuss the trial at the high priest's palace. What details do you find incredible?

10. What important lessons do you see in Peter's denial?