

# MATTHEW

July 2, 2023

Matthew 26:1-16

## READ

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Mark 14:1-11

Luke 21:37-22:6

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Jesus had previously spoken to His disciples of His coming suffering & death in Jerusalem. What is different about it this time (vv. 1-2)?
2. Why must the chief priests enact their plan by stealth (vv. 3-5)?
3. The Gospel of John recounts Jesus being anointed by a woman three days earlier (John 12:1-8), indicating that Matthew may be chronologically out of place. What could suggest that the accounts describe the same event? (Why would Matthew include it here in the text?)

What could suggest that they are similar, but different, events?

4. What motivates this woman?

What do her actions reveal (c.f., v. 12)?

5. What is the reaction of the disciples and what does this reveal about them (vv. 8-9)?

6. What do you make of Jesus' statement in v. 11?

7. Contrast Judas' actions with those of the woman.

What is motivating him (c.f., John 12:6)?

How do his actions help the plot of the chief priests & elders?

Who is really in charge (v. 2; c.f., Acts 2:23)?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will listen to the Lord more open-heartedly this week by . . .

I will respond to the Lord more open-handedly this week by . . .