



## **DAY 4 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020**

### **READ SCRIPTURE:**

- Luke 22:1-6

“Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. <sup>4</sup> He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup> And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.”

- Matthew 26:1-16

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” <sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup> But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.” <sup>6</sup> Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup> And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup> For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.” <sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

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**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why does the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council) hate Jesus so much? What does he represent that they can't stand? What would be so bad in their minds if he really was the Messiah?
2. Why does Judas betray Jesus? What does Judas' behavior reveal about all of our hearts at times?
3. How is it that the woman who anointed Jesus with oil understood what she was doing but the disciples did not? Why do you think the woman acted this way toward Jesus but the religious leaders wanted him dead?

**PRAYER:**

- Ask God to keep you from responding to Jesus in an inappropriate manner. Ask him to keep you from being like Judas and the religious leaders.
- Ask God to give you the faith of the woman who anointed Jesus at Bethany