

## LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- Try to imagine living in Christ's time and how rare such a wonderful perfume must have been. How valuable do you think this woman (Mary), would have viewed it?
- What is the most valuable thing you own? Would you be willing to “*pour it*” on the Savior?
- Does the fact that this perfume could have been sold to help the poor seem a reasonable justification for their anger?
- What do you think of Lundgard quote, “...*anything you don't value according to its worth you despise*”? If applied to Jesus that means, “*If we do not value Jesus according to His worth, deep down we despise Him!*”
  - *Where does your valuation of Jesus need adjustment?*
- What justifications might you have used in the past or present to explain why you did not sacrifice for Christ something He had called for?
- What comfort can you glean from the fact that Jesus was in control of the events that led to His death?
- How does the story of the woman and the perfume demonstrate that loving the Savior must be central in our deeds?
- Why do you think Jesus commands, “Take, eat....drink, all of you...” regarding the last supper? Why is this supper central to the Gospel itself?

## What Do You Value and Why?

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**Text: Matthew 26:1-29**

### I. Matthew 26:1-5 Your Readiness and Your Values

- A. *What do you value?*
  - B. “*When Jesus had finished saying all these things...*”
    - i. “*Be ready!*”
    - ii. How are we ever going to *be ready*?
    - iii. *What do you value, and why?*

### II. What is at the Center of Your Values?

- A. 26:6-13 **A woman values Jesus above all.**
  - i. *Simon the Leper*
  - ii. Perfume of this value is unimaginable to us.
  - iii. The disciples were indignant.

ii. Jesus chose Passover as the Time

iv. His death speaks of His value.

B. Matthew 26:14-16 **One of the twelve, despises Him.**

i. Chris Lundgard: "...*anything you don't value according to its worth you despise.*"

ii. Judas doesn't even establish a value for Jesus.

B. 17-25 Dinner conversation:

C. 26-29 Passover Transformed

C. What is at the center of your value system?

### III. Why You Must Value Jesus Above All

A. *Judas looked for an opportunity...*

i. vs. 1-3: Jesus is directing this play.

a) John 10:17-18

b) Acts 4:27-28

➤ 2 Corinthians 5:19