



**Series:** Unexpected Messiah  
**Passage Matthew 26: 1-16**  
**Title:** Lavish Worship  
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**Discussion Starter** – When you think of your own lavish worship of Jesus, what comes to your mind? How and why do you worship Him?

#### **After The Olivet Discourse, Verses 1-5**

- Following the dramatic explanation of end times, what event does Jesus predict (again)?
- Why do you think Jesus repeats this prophecy over and over? What is the eternal significance of the crucifixion?
- Why was the religious leader's plan and timing to take Jesus different than Jesus plan? (verse 5) What attribute of God is Jesus demonstrating here for us to see and remember?
- Why was it necessary that the crucifixion occur on Passover? What does this teach us about God's commitment to maintaining the accuracy of His Word?
- What does the manner of Jesus' arrest teach us about His sovereignty?
- Read John 12:27. How do you feel when you think of Jesus' plan, sovereignty, and commitment demonstrated in these verses?

#### **A Thanksgiving Meal- Verse 6-13**

- Who are some of the likely guests at Simon's home? How do they know Jesus?
- What lavish gift is offered to Jesus? What might be the cost in today's dollars?
- What was the response of the disciples? Which disciple initiated this complaint? (John 12: 4-6)?
- Describe some of your own acts of worship. How might you receive criticism for your acts of worship?
- Do you think the woman struggled with her decision to pour the oil onto Jesus? Do you wrestle with similar choices in your life? Why do you think she ultimately decided to make this lavish offering?
- How does free and lavish worship of Jesus result in generosity in our lives?
- What was Jesus' reaction to this lavish act of worship? Is lavish worship ever un-recognized?
- What elements of this passage demonstrate that Jesus is worthy of our most lavish worship?

#### **The Betrayal- verse 14-16**

- What did Judas' critical spirit reveal about his motives?
- How is lavish worship linked to generosity? What is at the root of a critical spirit and how is this harmful to us?