

Life-Sharing Encountering Jesus

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Life-Sharing & Pioneers Lesson 1 “Be Careful What You See” Mark 14:1-11

1. If you knew you only had a week left to live, what would you want to make sure that you got done?

Jesus Anointed at Bethany Luke 14:1-11

14 Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him. ²“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. ⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages^[a] and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶ “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you,^[b] and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.

¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

2. Why did the chief priests and leaders want to get rid of Jesus?

3. Why do we often want to get rid of Jesus from our own lives, and how do we go about doing it?

4. If the woman was paying the full cost of the expensive perfume, why were the others so upset with her sacrifice?

5. How did their anger cause them to miss out on blessing in their midst?

6. When has your anger cost you a blessing that could have been yours?

7. Why do we become envious or angry at the commitment of others to Jesus Christ?

8. Jesus defends this woman's actions. Do you think she knew she was preparing his body for burial? Why or why not?

9. Can we always tell when we are doing something how it fits in the greater plan of God?

10. Why did Jesus see something beautiful when others only saw a waste?

11. Is it possible to see something for yourself, and still be wrong about what took place? Why or why not?

12. How was Jesus' prophecy in verse 9 fulfilled?

13. Why do you think this incident was a factor in getting Judas to go and betray Jesus?

14. What types of incidents in our lives can lead us to go and betray Jesus?

Lesson 2 “ Tough Words From Jesus ” Luke 14:17-31

1. What emotions go through you when you are in the presence of someone that you know is betraying you behind the scenes? The person pretends to support you in your presence, but it's a different story when you are not around.

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¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely not I?”

²⁰ “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”²³ Then he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ “This is my blood of the^[a] covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

²⁷ “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”^[b] ²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

²⁹ Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”³⁰ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice^[c] you yourself will disown me three times.” ³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

2. If you had been one of the 12 disciples, what would have been your reaction to Jesus' announcement that one of them is going to betray Him?

3. Why does Jesus not name who the betrayer is in verse 20 and why does he use the words of verse 20 as a hint?

4. Why would Jesus say in verse 21 that it would have been better for the betrayer to have not been born?

5. What do you think Jesus is getting at by having them eat the bread and drink the wine saying this is my body and this is my blood?

6. Why do you think they ended the meal with a hymn before leaving?

7. Do you think that Jesus' prophecy that "they would all fall away that night" was beneficial to the disciples. Why or why not?

8. If God knew you were going to fail in a major test, would you want God to reveal it to you in advance?

9. Why do you think Peter was so confident that he would not fail?

10. How can our over confidence cause us to fall away from Christ?

11. The disciples heard Jesus' words in verse 27 "You will all fall away", yet none of them seemed to have caught on to verse 28 "But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Why does no one ask him about what it means for him to have risen?

12. Have we ever been like Peter and the disciples, insisting that God is wrong about our future? Why do we do it?

Life-Sharing Lesson 3 “Hard Answers To Prayers” Mark 14:32-42

1. What was an experience you knew was coming, but you dreaded the thought of having to go through it?

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³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ “*Abba*, ^[a] Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

2. What can we learn from Jesus in verses 32-34 about relying on others in our times of grief?

3. How does Jesus Prayer in verse 35- 36 seem to confirm Jesus’ statement that He is The Way, The Truth & The Life, no one comes to the Father except through Him?

4. Why and when must we pray as Jesus did, “not what I will, but what you will” ?

5. Why do you think the disciples had a hard time staying awake to pray?

6. Why would Jesus pray the same prayer a second time after returning from the disciples?

7. We often talk about Jesus as the Son of God. In what ways does this passage reveal Jesus’ human side as the Son of Man?

8. Sometimes prayer is presented as a formula. If we do this, then God must do that. What are we guaranteed when we pray earnestly?

9. What answer did Jesus get to his prayer?

10. What does it appear Jesus received from praying?

11. How do we know when we have prayed long enough about a particular situation?