

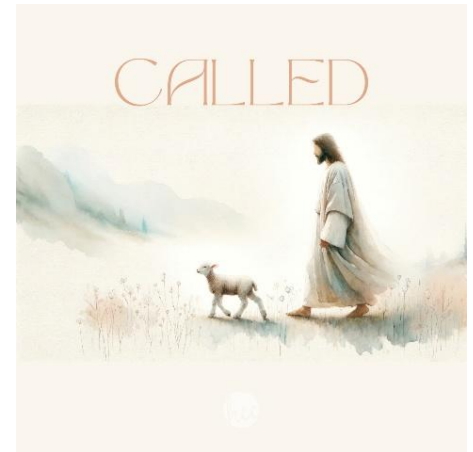
Life Group Study Notes

Date: 09th August 2026

Sermon: Respond?

Speaker: Brian Payne

Scriptures: Mark 14:1-11



Scripture Questions:

1. Read John's account in John 12:1-7, of the same event and note the differences and additional information John gives us.
2. What does the value of the perfume tell us about Mary's depth of devotion to Jesus and the sacrifice she was willing to give? Also look at point 1 and 2, below in personal questions.
3. V8. Do you think she understood that Jesus was going to die and she was preparing him for burial?
4. Look at another example of Mary's devotion to Jesus. Luke 10:38-42. What do we learn from her? How much of a priority is it for you to also learn from Jesus?
5. Some thought the sacrifice of the perfume was a waste of money, why was it not a waste in Mary's eyes? Why was it not a waste in Jesus's eyes? How does Jesus defend her actions? What is the significance of her act "to be remembered whenever the Gospel is preached"?
6. What does this story teach us about the true sacrifice and giving your best for Jesus?
7. Judas, one of the Twelve who formed Jesus' inner circle, expressed frustration during this incident. Why? Refer to John 12:6.
8. V10-11 Why was Judas prepared to betray Jesus to the religious authorities? John 13:27. John 13:18 Psalm 41:9.
9. Compare and contrast the heart motives and actions of Mary and the motives of Judas towards Jesus in this passage?

Personal Questions:

- In what areas of your life might Jesus be calling you to acts of love toward him that defy practical worldly logic? Have you ever been criticised for these actions?
- What did Jesus sacrifice for me, and how will this truth influence my willingness to sacrifice for him?
- Have you committed your life to Jesus, and are you ready to give your all to him? "Now is the right time; today is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2).

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the story of devotion and worship offered to you by Mary in this passage. She poured out her most precious perfume, because of her devotion to you. Help us also to see your supreme worth and offer to you our devotion and worship. Forgive us for the times we hold back or worry about what the world thinks. We surrender our time, our resources, and our hearts to You. May our lives be an offering of sweet fragrance to You. In your wonderful name, Amen."