



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 6: Religion to Redemption

Episode 7: Two Options

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Fall trimester: 8/17–12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deepen Podcast: Pastor Joby talked with all the Saturated pastors. [Click here to listen.](#)

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *Write down the name of your "one more," pray for them daily and invite them to Saturated.* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Memory Verse: *Matthew 26:10-11*

Sermon Text: *Matthew 26:1-16; Mark 14:3-11; John 12:1-8*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper. **The answers in parentheses** are simply possible responses you can use after your group has shared their thoughts to help keep the discussion going. They are not intended to be the only or "correct" answers.

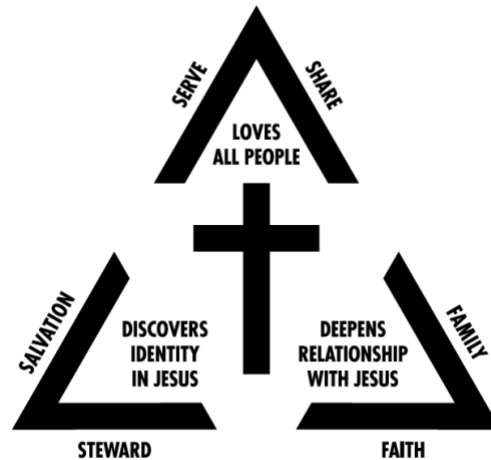
- **Discover:** During this week of Saturated, what stood out to you in the sermons, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself? *(Friendly reminder of the preachers: Robby Gallaty, Jennie Allen, Jonathan Pokluda, Jason Shepperd and Joby Martin.)*
- **Deepen:** What ONE thing did you learn during Saturated that you are going to implement in your life?
- Read Matthew 26:1-16. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- Read Matthew 26:1-2. Discuss Jesus's purpose and how the Jewish Passover celebration pointed to it. *(What does God's plan and promises show about His character?)*
- Read Matthew 26:6-16, and Mark 14:3-11. Discuss the reasons Mary poured the oil on Jesus and what made it scandalous. *(This was Mary, the sister of Lazarus, whom Jesus called out of the grave. The perfume was worth more than a year's wages and may have been her entire dowry. Mary was overwhelmed with gratitude. She understood who Jesus is and responded with extravagant worship, anointing Him for His death. Worshiping Jesus was more important to her than anything the world considered valuable. She even let down her hair and used it to wipe Jesus's feet.)*
- **Discover:** Read John 12:1-8. Share a time you questioned how extravagant and generous someone was being to Jesus. *(We are called to steward God's resources well. AND we must be careful not to be on team Judas instead of team Jesus.)*
Deepen: Read Matthew 26:10. What are some acts of worship or obedience that Jesus might call "beautiful" even though the world considers them foolish or wasteful? *(Generous giving, serving without recognition, sexual purity, forgiving someone, sacrificing time to serve others, caring for the vulnerable, sharing the gospel, choosing obedience over career or financial gain.)*
- **Discover:** Every time we see Mary in the Gospels, she is at the feet of Jesus. What can we learn from her posture toward Him? *(Humility, surrender, worship, listening, dependence, gratitude, recognizing Jesus's authority, putting Jesus above us.)*
Deepen: What treasure could you put at the feet of Jesus to show gratitude for what He's done for you?
- **Discover:** Judas didn't get what he wanted from Jesus, so he tried his own plan. What do you do when you don't get what you want from Jesus?
Deepen: Pastor Joby contrasted two ways of approaching God. Religion: What can You do for me? and Redemption: What have You done for me? How do you see that contrast in the religious leaders, Judas and Mary? *(The Pharisees and Judas were focused on themselves, their plans and what they wanted. Judas was physically so close to Jesus, saw His miracles and even participated in them. Yet, he still didn't know Jesus! Mary KNEW Him. Please don't miss Jesus!)*

Action Step: Think about an area of your life where God hasn't done what you hoped He would do. Instead of asking, "God, when are You going to change this?" spend time praying, "Jesus, help me trust You and worship You even if this doesn't turn out the way I want."

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