

Montrose United Methodist Church Tuesday Bible Study
Joyfully, to Love All, Serve All, and Share Jesus Christ with the World!
“Re-NEW-al: God Kissing a Frog”
Matthew 26:6-13 January 24, 2017
*****Please register your ATTENDANCE**
Sign up for REFRESHMENTS. Thank you!

Prayer Requests / Prayer

Table Discussion: If you had a year’s wages to spend on a gift for a close friend or family member, what would you buy, and to whom would you give it? Why?

⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper,
⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. ⁹ “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

1. What is significant about the setting for the woman’s gift to Jesus?
2. What event in Jesus’ life does he refer to that makes the woman’s gift significant?

- **Matthew 2:10-11**
- **Mark 16:1-4**
- **John 19:38-40**

3. Why are the disciples indignant about the woman’s gift? Do they have a point? Why does Jesus react the way he does?

- **Deuteronomy 15:7-11**
- **Matthew 25:37-40**

4. How might **Matthew 26:8-9** relate to the scene in **verses 14-16**?

5. What more do we learn about Judas from **John 12:1-6**.

6. Whereas the woman gave lavishly *to* Jesus, Judas wants to see what he can get from Jesus.

How did President John F. Kennedy express a similar concept?
In what ways have you been more like Judas? Like the woman?

7. What “beautiful thing” could you do for Jesus this week?

8. What “beautiful thing” has Jesus done for you this week?

Closing Unison Prayer:

Loving Lord Jesus, teach us to do beautiful things for you, offering the healing oil of your grace and love to those in need. Remind us just now of those with whom we meet every day who need to know they are loved by you and by us. Help us picture them in our thoughts right now (**PAUSE...**). Then give us a clear vision of specific ways you will guide us to help them. Empower us more and more to seek not so much what we can get *from* you, but what we can give *to* you, in ways that will transform the lives of those we touch, and transform our lives as well, through the giving. In Your Precious, Healing Name we pray. Amen.