

During the season of Lent, we journey with Jesus through *The Last Week...*

## **Holy Wednesday**

**Read Mark 14:1-11, Mark 8:29-37**

Holy Wednesday, the Wednesday before Easter, is also known as Good Wednesday or Spy Wednesday. Spy Wednesday because it was on this day that Judas agreed to betray Jesus.

While Jesus was in Bethany, enjoying a meal with his disciples, a woman brought a jar of very expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' head. The Scent filled the entire house. The disciple's scoffed, especially Judas, because they thought this was a waste of money. But Jesus defended the woman's actions saying she had done a good service for him, preparing his body beforehand for burial. He went on to say that wherever good news is shared in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.



### **Questions for Reflection:**

- Think of a time when someone did something very extravagant for you. What gestures make you feel loved?
- What can you do to show love and extravagant generosity for someone today?
- Bake cookies or bread. What does it feel like for the smell to fill the whole house?
- During these events on Holy Wednesday, we see the woman as a representation of the best of discipleship and Judas as a representation of the worst of discipleship. Nevertheless, Jesus welcomed both to the table. Even though Jesus knew Judas would betray him, Jesus offered him the bread and the cup anyways. What do Jesus' actions tell you about who Jesus welcomes? What does it mean to know that despite our actions, for better or worse, Jesus welcomes us, all of us, anyways?
- Jesus is the best example of the fullness of God. In the stories of the woman and Judas on Holy Wednesday, Jesus holds up a mirror for us. Look in Jesus' mirror. What do you see in light of the love of Christ?

### **Create a Sacred Space in Your Home**



Since it may be some time before we can gather in Faith United's worship spaces, consider creating a sacred space in your home. Use the space for family devotions, prayer, and perhaps watch Worship by Wire here on Sundays and Wednesdays. The space doesn't have to be large. It could be a small table or small area of the floor. What might you include in your sacred space? A Bible, a candle, a cross, spring flowers from your garden, pillow, prayer shawl, or a picture? Consider making a cross together as a family from sticks found in your yard. Draw or paint a picture of your family's worship, a favorite scripture or images of God.

Share pictures and stories of your family's Sacred Space or responses to this week's Lent Reflection questions by emailing or texting Kathy Schmucker

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