

HOLY WEEK EXPERIENCE

TUESDAY

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STATION 1 – BETRAYAL

Theme: Weight of Our Sin vs. Salvation | Location: Left of Main Door

REFLECTION:

You see him in the shadows—Judas, moving with quiet intent, yet his heart heavy with greed and doubt. The air is thick with tension, and you can almost feel the pull of temptation in the room. His choice is deliberate, cold, and devastating.

And then you sense it: the weight of sin is everywhere. Invisible yet palpable, it presses down, holding people in chains of regret, fear, and guilt. Every lie, every hidden act, every selfish thought—the accumulation is staggering.

But then, on the other side of the scale, a light appears. Jesus. His presence doesn't just lighten the room—it lightens the load. His salvation is a weight you cannot measure, a power that cannot be outweighed by even the darkest choices.

In the midst of betrayal, a truth becomes undeniable: nothing—no sin, no 30 pieces of silver, no failure—can outweigh the salvation He offers.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Judas, out of greed, chose to betray Jesus. Sin clouded his heart and vision. What is the weight of sin that we carry with us? What sin clouds our judgment, holds us weighed down? The salvation of Jesus is light, lightens our load, but it will always “outweigh” the burden of sin.

ACTION:

Scale: Place the coins representing the sin or burden you are carrying on one side of the scale. On the other side, place the representation of Jesus' salvation. Watch as nothing can outweigh the power of the blood—the salvation from Jesus is heavier, stronger, unshakable.

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 26:14; Luke 14:10

STATION 2 – FEAST WITH JESUS

Theme: Anointing Costs Us, Not Jesus | **Location:** Right of Main Door

REFLECTION:

The room is warm and alive. The table is spread with bread and grape juice, simple yet rich, inviting all who are present to taste and see that the Lord is good. The aroma of fresh spices mingles with the soft glow of oil lamps, filling the space with comfort and sacredness. Laughter and conversation rise and fall, yet beneath it all, a quiet expectancy lingers—something profound is about to happen.

And then your eyes are drawn to her. She moves carefully, deliberately, humble yet resolute. From her hands flows the costly perfume she has treasured, and with a heart full of devotion, she pours it over Jesus' head. In that act, the feast becomes more than nourishment for the body—it becomes an offering of the heart, a tangible expression of love and obedience.

It is risky. Some whisper judgment. Others may see extravagance or waste. But she does not flinch. Her gaze is fixed not on herself, not on the cost, but on the One she honors. The fragrance of her devotion lingers in the room, a sign that true obedience often comes at a price—but the impact echoes far beyond the moment. What begins as a single act of love carries influence that generations will feel.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

The woman chose to pay a high price for her obedience. What will obedience to the call of God cost you? What impact do you make for Jesus, that generations to come will be impacted by your deeds (sacrifice)?

ACTION:

Reflect on the scene before you. Taste and enjoy the items on the table—see that the Lord is good. Smell the perfumed oil that may have been used to anoint Jesus, and if you feel led, anoint your own head as an act of devotion and surrender.

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9

STATION 3 – CROSSROADS

Theme: Devotional Surrender or Selfish Ambition | **Location:** Center Stage

REFLECTION:

You stand at the crossroads. On one path, there is Judas, hurrying toward betrayal, ambition and greed clouding every step. On the other, the woman who anointed Jesus, taking the risk of devotion, placing cost aside, following the call of love.

One road is narrow, the other is wide. Both require a choice that changes the course of history. And as you watch their stories unfold, the light of Jesus falls upon the ground at your feet.

It is a light that reveals the heart—every hidden motive, every secret fear, every desire for control or recognition. The choice is yours: will you walk the path of surrender or the path of selfish ambition? And you realize that each choice leaves a mark—not just on your life, but on those who follow behind you.

In the stillness, you feel His presence whispering truth: “I know your heart. I love you. I have redeemed you.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

In life we have many crossroads that we face. Both Judas and the woman who anointed Jesus had life-changing decisions to make. Both of their stories are told through history. How will your decision-making impact your life and those to follow after you?

ACTION:

Feel the weight of the coin bag of “selfish ambition.” Hold it in your hands and recognize the weight it carries—what it costs, what it represents. Lay it down, and choose the freedom that comes through surrender. There is a box on the stage—you are encouraged to look inside... and see who Jesus redeemed. Pause in the moment. This is not just a reflection—it is a revelation. The cross is not distant or general. It is personal. You are the one He chose to redeem.

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:4–7; Deuteronomy 30:19