

LOVE & BETRAYAL

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¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

— Matthew 24:12–13 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE

HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

In their book, *Leadership on the Line*, Linsky and Heifetz noted that “people don’t resist change . . . they resist loss.”

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Tell about a time of transition that you went through. Were you leaving your comfort zone? What were the gains, and what were the losses?

LINK

 Connect to God’s truth by sharing...

- Making the decision to follow Jesus is a transition.
- As Jesus’ death drew near, people had varying interactions with Him that say a lot about how we currently respond to following Him.
- The priests valued position, power, and people’s opinions above Jesus. Sometimes we can be so satisfied with the world that we don’t look for Jesus anymore.
- Judas exchanged his fellowship with Jesus for money. Sometimes we have already met Jesus but realise that life with Him is not what we were expecting.
- The woman with the alabaster jar was a picture of sacrificial love and absolute devotion. Let us pray that we would gladly give our all to the one who gave His all for us.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- How do you generally feel about life's comforts? What situation would make you willing to sacrifice or inconvenience yourself?
- Are you prepared to count the cost of following Jesus? There is a greater reward in the end, but the journey may be difficult. From your own life, how would you explain the value of following Jesus?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray that your love for Jesus will outshine your love for the comforts or prestige of the world.
- Pray to be at peace in God's sovereign will, knowing that He is in control and is worth far more than we can give.

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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. ⁸When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. . . . ¹⁰Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. . . . ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.”

— Matthew 26:7–8, 10, 12 (NIV)