

## **SERIES: NEXT STEP**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, February 17-18, 2024

**SERMON:** The Steps of Jesus: Carrying Out His Mission

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 26:1-16 NIV

[1] When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

[2] "As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

[3] Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,

[4] and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.

[5] "But not during the festival," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

[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."

[14] Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests

[15] and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver.

[16] From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

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### **1. We must tell of God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

- To die a \_\_\_\_\_ death.
  - **Matthew 26:52-53** "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"
- To \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.
  - **1 John 4:7-10** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- To make \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The woman was an \_\_\_\_\_ of people to come.

### **2. We must declare His \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **1 John 4:13-17** This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

### **3. We must declare His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ until He comes.**

- This is the message of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.
  - **Matthew 26:13** Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

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***Happy birthday, First Baptist Church!***

This past week, Valentine's Day, marked the 120th anniversary of the establishment of a Baptist church in Covington. The year was 1904 and for the first time ever Covington had a Baptist church.

It's almost hard to believe because the City of Covington was established in 1813. Therefore, from 1813 to 1904 there was no Baptist worship and witness in Covington.

As we celebrate this day, I want to remind you of two things.

**First**, I want us to acknowledge what God, and only God, can do. God took a small struggling group of people and year by year molded them into a large stable congregation. We should give thanks for such a great work of God that benefits each of us day by day,

**Second**, I want us to remember all those who have gone before us. They were the trailblazers. They left us an example of faithfulness and service on which we have worked to build God's church.

As we look back on what God has done, let us also look forward to what God will do through us in the future.

*Waylon*