

## Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Matthew 26:1-16 (April 8, 2026)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of today's sermon.* —

1. Jesus repeatedly told His disciples about His coming death, yet they failed to understand. What prevents us from truly hearing difficult truths that God is speaking to us, even when they are clearly stated?
2. William Barclay said that love never calculates how little it can give. In what areas of your life are you giving the bare minimum to Christ rather than sacrificially pouring out like Mary did with her expensive ointment?
3. The religious leaders plotted to kill Jesus not because they sought God's will, but because they feared an uproar among the people. How do we sometimes allow fear of others' opinions to override obedience to God?
4. Mary's act of worship was criticized as wasteful by the disciples, yet Jesus called it beautiful. When have you witnessed or experienced genuine worship being misunderstood or criticized by others?
5. Jesus said the poor would always be with us, but He would not. How does this statement challenge our priorities in ministry and in recognizing divine appointments versus ongoing needs?
6. Judas walked with Jesus for three years, witnessed miracles, and was trusted with responsibilities, yet still betrayed Him. What does this teach us about the difference between religious activity and genuine heart transformation?
7. The sermon asks, 'What is a life worth?' when describing Judas selling out Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. What are the modern equivalents of thirty pieces of silver that tempt believers to compromise their faith?
8. Jesus knew Judas would betray Him yet still allowed him to remain among the disciples and even participate in ministry. How does this demonstrate God's patience and the reality of human free will within divine sovereignty?
9. The illustration of da Vinci's model who sat for both Jesus and Judas serves as a warning about spiritual decline. What safeguards can we put in place to prevent gradual drift from intimacy with Christ to betrayal?
10. First Corinthians 10:12 warns that those who think they stand should take heed lest they fall. How does the story of Judas challenge any areas of spiritual complacency or presumption in your own walk with God?