

WORSHIP NOTES

THE LIFE & DEATH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

CONTRASTING CHARACTERS

John 11:28-33

Then she [Martha] returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, “the teacher is here and wants to see you.” So, Mary immediately went to him. Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus’s grave to weep. So they followed her there. When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled.

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. ²A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. ³Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵“That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.” ⁶Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself. ⁷Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

I. INTRODUCTION -- LENTEN JOURNEY CHECK IN - WEEK 4

II. MEET THE CAST –

A. ORDINARY FOLKS

Mary the sister of Lazarus

Judas Iscariot

B. EXTRAORDINARY EVENT – TWO RESPONSES

Mary the sister of Lazarus

Judas Iscariot

C. ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES BRINGS EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS

Mary the sister of Lazarus

III. OUR RESPONSE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY IN OUR VERY ORDINARY