

### The Heart of the Matter

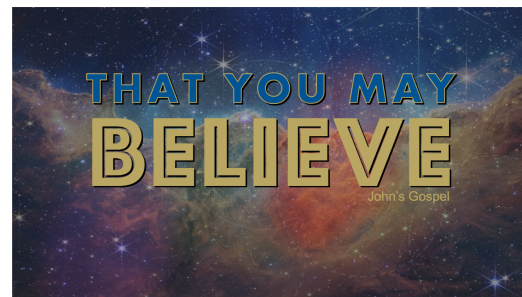
12. What would you have done if you had been on the Sanhedrin? Would politics, principle, or truth win out with you?

13. In what ways are you most likely to misunderstand who Jesus is?

14. If you had a year's salary or time to use for Christ, how would you use it? How is that reflected in your current budget and priorities now?

15. If you gave a dinner in Jesus' honor, whom would you want to make sure to invite?

### Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### The Sacrifices of Love John 11:45-12:8 For the Week of January 7, 2024

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. When have you ever challenged the company policy? What happened?

3. If you had a year's wages to spend on friends, which would you choose: (a) Big party? (b) Incredible trip for a few? (c) Extravagant trip for one?

## **Digging Deeper**

4. What responses does the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead produce in verses 11:45-57?

5. What are the chief concerns of the leaders? How do they misunderstand the role of the Messiah for the nation of Israel?

6. How does Caiaphas propose to solve “the Jesus problem”? How does Caiaphas’ murderous threat unwittingly convey prophetic truth about Jesus’ death (see 3:16)?

7. How does Jesus respond to this new situation? What do Mary and Martha decide to do at this time when things are getting pretty intense with the religious authorities?

8. In John 12:1-8, what are some of the reasons why Mary and Martha would want to have a special feast for Jesus and their brother Lazarus? What might the atmosphere in the room have been like?

9. Given the value of the perfume (V5), how would you have reacted as you watched Mary? Why?

10. How does Jesus interpret Mary’s actions? How is His comment in verse 8 especially applicable to Judas?

11. How would you describe Mary’s character, actions, and heart as compared to Judas’ character, actions, and heart?