

Encounter | Week 4 - What is Holding You Back?

Big Idea

Jesus is worthy of all our devotion.

Scripture

Mark 14:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, and Philippians 2:6-11

Overview

In our current series, we will examine real-life encounters with Jesus documented in the Book of Mark. Our prayer is that you'll encounter Jesus in a personal way as we study this book together.

Opening Questions

Share a time when you went “all in,” threw caution to the wind, stepped out in faith, and did something that demanded more than a half-hearted effort. It involved a certain level of risk, and required more of you than you knew you would have at times. If you have never done this, what do you think is holding you back?

Bible Discussion

1. Read Mark 14:1-11. What part of this powerful story stands out to you the most and why? Which person do you relate the most to and why?
2. In Mark 14:4-9, Jesus responds to criticism regarding the women's use of expensive perfume. What does his response reveal about his values and priorities? How do the reactions of the disciples and the woman reflect different perspectives on the impending events of Jesus' life?
3. This past Sunday was Palm Sunday, which ushers in Holy Week. Read Mark 11:1-11. How does this passage connect with what the woman did for Jesus in Mark 14?
4. Read Philippians 2:6-11. How does this beautiful passage inspire you today as we look ahead to Good Friday and Easter?

Life Application

5. Jesus is worthy of our worship and devotion. Have you broken the jar, so to speak, over Jesus? If yes, what does going “all in” with Jesus look like for you? If not, what is holding you back? How can we, as a group, help you pursue Jesus as the woman did?
6. This past Sunday was also Baptism Sunday. If you were at service, share the experience.
7. What is one thing you can do this Holy Week to show Jesus your love and devotion to him? Ask for God's help in stepping out in a special way this week, and if you're up for it, ask a group member to check in and hold you accountable. May we all recognize Jesus as the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings in our lives.