



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of April 7, 2025

1. What is your favorite brand of donuts? Dunkin' Donuts, Duck Donuts, Fractured Prune, Krispy Kreme, or some other store brand? Explain your answer. Regarding the famous neon "Hot & Ready" sign at Krispy Kreme, what is the difference of perspective between employees and ownership?
2. **Read Mark 14:1-11.** Here are three narratives that Mark sandwiches together. What were the two main "perceptions" that people had about Jesus during the first century? Why was Jesus so polarizing?
3. Read John 11:45-48, and verse 53. What miracle of Jesus became the "last straw" for the religious leaders of Israel? Why were they so passionate to see Jesus be permanently silenced?
4. The leadership of Israel was conspiring to spill Jesus' blood in anger and vengeance. But God was planning to use Jesus' death to secure our salvation. What they meant for evil, God was using for good. How is God's oversight of all things such good news for your everyday life? (see Romans 8:28 and Hebrews 13:6)
5. What do we know about the perfume that Mary poured out on Jesus? (Do a little Google research if necessary). What did Mark tell us about its monetary value? Why did the disciples and Judas Iscariot complain about this act? What was Jesus' response?
6. What does the Bible say about what you should offer up to Jesus? (use Romans 12:1-2 as part of your answer). What does this look like in everyday terms or everyday experiences? Give some examples.
7. John was in the room the day that Mary anointed Jesus with the expensive fragrance. What insider information did John reveal about Judas Iscariot? (see John 12:4-6)
8. Satan was moving powerfully in Judas Iscariot's life—to manipulate his heart to deeper anger against Jesus. But what other worldly forces were surging in Judas' heart? (see Mark 14:11)

Jesus predicted that people would be talking about Mary's heartfelt love and worship until the end of time. (You're doing it again right now!) That is part of her great legacy. What do you hope your legacy will be? What do you want people to talk about and remember when they remember you? Share your thoughts with the group.

You can hate Jesus or you can honor Jesus, but the one thing you cannot do is ignore Jesus.