

## Communion is...

Communion is an **open invitation** to a never-ending supply of God's grace and life.

## Read Matthew 26:6-13

**During these days leading up to the events of the crucifixion**, we find Jesus in the home of Simon and something really significant took place... **a woman lavishly anointed Jesus with expensive ointment** and the disciples became indignant, accusing that her action wasteful. **BUT Jesus saw it very differently**, and what He says about her can be very telling to us about our own response to Jesus.

**We find that this woman, had a keen and intuitive awareness of Jesus.** She must have really listened when Jesus said what He did in verse 2 of this chapter, because we see here that **she, more than any of his disciples followers and friends, was aware of the great sacrifice He was about to offer**, and she acted accordingly.

**And Jesus praised her action.** It didn't matter that she was a sinner... according to other Gospel accounts she was known for her immoral lifestyle... nor that she was a woman... at that time women were not highly regarded in social settings. **She was the most unlikely in the room and yet she, more than any other got it... she got Him. She knew what He was about to do and she poured out all that she had in worship, in adoration, in care and sacrifice for His Gospel work in the world.**

**As we partake of His body and blood today, may we be keenly aware of Jesus.** May we be so centered on Him, and willing to pour out ourselves for Him. It doesn't matter if we like this woman are the most unlikely to impact, as we focus our being and our resources upon Him, **Jesus will see it and feel it, and the impact will be eternal.**

## Prayer Conversation Starter...

**Jesus, I see You.** I have the privilege of living on this side of Your sacrifice and I see how You poured out Your life for mine. Help me to be keenly aware of You today and all that You did for me. And in response, today I will pour out my \_\_\_\_\_ to care for Your interests.

