

“The Road to the Cross Is Filled with Choices”

March 12, 2023 * Matthew 26

Matthew 26:1-13 (ESV)

God chose the _____ of salvation, 26:1-2
Ephesians 1:4, 2:4; Romans 8:3

Jesus chose to go to Jerusalem, 26:1-2
Luke 9:51b “he set his face to go to Jerusalem.”
Isaiah 50:7b “I have set my face like a flint stone.”

Jesus predicted his death three other times
Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19

Religious leaders chose to _____ Jesus, 26:3-5
John 11:47-53

Mary chose to _____ Jesus, 26:6-13
John 12:3 identified Mary, the sister of Lazarus as the woman who poured out the
ointment
Significance of Mary breaking the alabaster flask?
large sum was “more than three hundred denarii” = one year’s wages (Mark 14:5)

Matthew 26:14-25 (ESV)

Judas chose to _____ Jesus, 26:14-16
_____ pieces of silver = about 4 months’ wages for a laborer
Did Judas have a choice?

John 6:64

Maintain tension between sovereignty of God and _____ of man

Mary gave a gift valued at a whole year’s wages - what she gave was not lost
Judas betrayed Jesus for 1/3 of a year’s wages - what he received was not kept

Jesus chose to observe the _____, 26:17-20
John 1:29

10th Nisan – Passover lamb was chosen
10th-14th – the Passover lamb was inspected daily
14th – Passover lamb was sacrificed

Jesus chose to expose the betrayal, 26:21-25
Why tell them in advance?

Fill in the blanks: plan, oppose, anoint, betray, 30, freewill, Passover

