

April 27th, 2025Perfume, Donkeys & the Gospel
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- Jesus speaks openly of his death. John 12:20-36
- People respond. John 12:38-50

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_____. John 12:24; Col 3:2

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TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

How would you describe the message of the song from Hamilton, "The Room Where It Happens?"

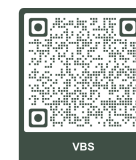
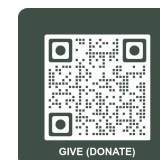
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How would you describe the current view of Jesus in the majority of the media today? In what ways do you think that aligns or not with the following: The way of Jesus is a life of worship, sacrificial service, eternal perspective, and personal responsibility?

In your opinion, which of the four descriptors of the way of Jesus from the question above is most out of sync with our modern cultural view of Christianity? Why? If you could somehow choose one of the four to be reframed accurately, which would it be? Why is that description of the way of Jesus so important to you?

Which one of the four would you most like to see personal growth in? How would you go about growing in that area?



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