

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Discussion Questions**

Matthew 26

1. Read verses 1-5, 14-16 and 20-25, which explain the plot which was being formed to kill Jesus. Who was in control of these events: God, the religious leaders or Judas? What other scriptures back up your answer?
  
2. In verses 6-13, Mary of Bethany (Martha's sister) comes to anoint Jesus. Why were Jesus' disciples indignant and why does he rebuke them for their response?
  
3. The Lord's Supper is one of the 'remembrance rituals' Jesus specifically commands his followers to observe (see 1 Cor. 11:23-26). How have you understood this sacrament, often called "communion", in your spiritual life?
  
4. Read the 'Garden of Gethsemane' account and the story of Jesus before Caiaphas. Note what we can learn from Jesus' responses to his circumstances. Is there anything in these accounts which helps you specifically with any trials you are facing currently?
  
5. In this chapter we read of all the disciples leaving Jesus, fleeing in fear (v. 56) and also of Peter's denial of Jesus. What are the circumstances and/or relationships in your life which present temptations to deny your faith, or to waver from speaking the truth of God's word? What helps you to be courageous in these situations?