

Week 6 Reflection

1. Look up the word “anoint.” How do the definitions apply to the story of the woman anointing Jesus with the costly ointment of nard? Now research the word “messiah,” which translates to anointed one. What role does the unnamed woman play in our understanding of Jesus as the Anointed One?
2. Judas’s betrayal of Jesus has no match in history. But in our sinful nature, each of us betrays Jesus in small and large ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. When have you betrayed Jesus? How might you change your words and actions as people of the Way?
3. Reread Mark 14:22-25 and then look at the eucharistic service in The Book of Common Prayer, starting on page 361. What are the similarities? What are the differences? Reflect on the meaning of the sacrament of eucharist in your life and in the history of the church.
4. As you read the scriptures this week, imagine yourself in the different roles: the crowd, Peter, Judas, the woman who anoints Jesus, Pilate, the guards, Simon of Cyrene, etc. Who do you most relate to? How do you think you might have responded in those roles? What is your place in the Passion story today?
5. Imagine that Jesus’s story ends with his death. How would that change Christianity? How would it change your life personally?