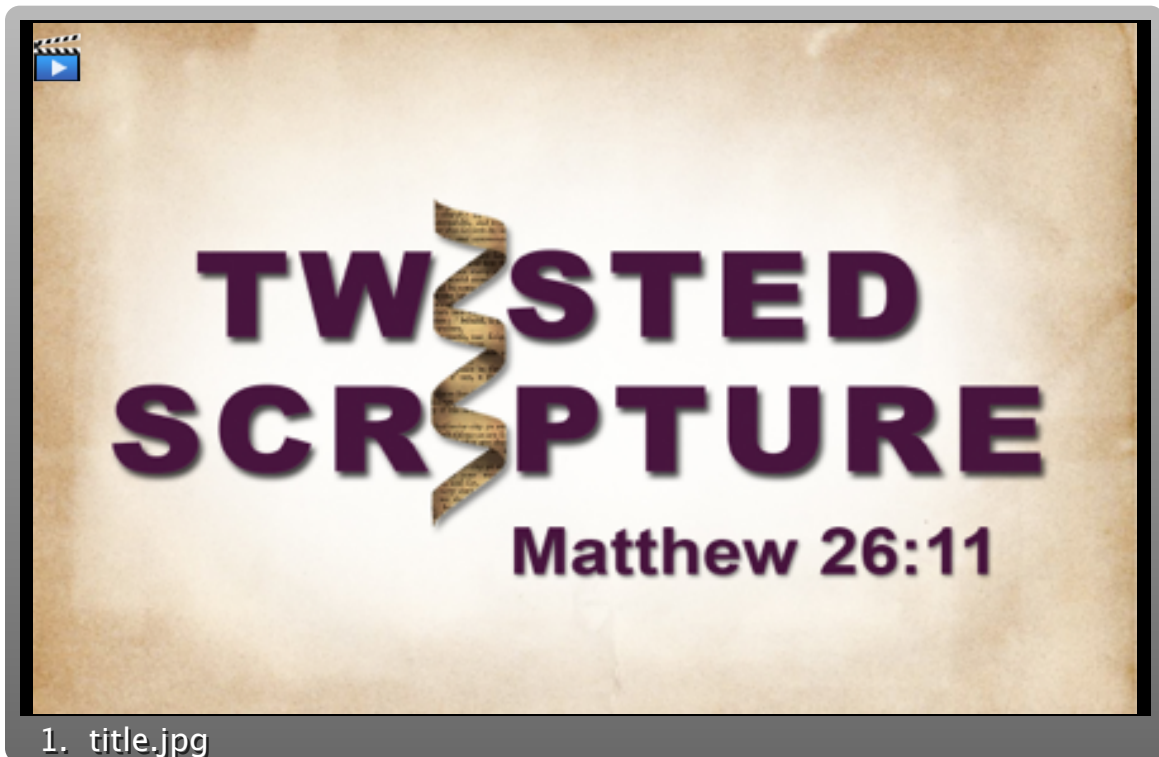


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MATTHEW 26:6-11

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

2.

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

3.

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.”

4.

GALATIANS 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

5.

Deut 15:11

Since there will never cease be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you. "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

6.



A CALL TO WORSHIP: FOR THE TRAGEDY IN CHARLESTON



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leader

We stand before you today, oh Lord
Hearts broken, eyes weeping, heads spinning
Our brothers and sisters have died
They gathered and prayed and then were no more
The prayer soaked walls of the church are
spattered with blood
The enemy at the table turned on them in violence
While they were turning to you in prayer

8.

all

We stand with our sisters
We stand with our brothers
We stand with their families
We stand to bear their burden in Jesus' name

9.

leader

We cry out to you, oh Lord, our hearts breaking,
eyes weeping, heads spinning. The violence in our
streets has come into your house; the hatred in
our cities has crept into your sanctuary.

The brokenness in our lives has broken into your
temple; the dividing wall of hostility has crushed
our brothers and sisters.

We cry out to you. May your Kingdom come, may
it be on earth as it is in heaven

10.

all

We cry out for our sisters
We cry out for our brothers
We cry out for their families
We cry out for peace in Jesus' name

11.

leader

We pray to you today, oh Lord, Our hearts
breaking, eyes weeping, souls stirring.
We pray for our enemies, we pray for those who
persecute us. We pray to the God of all comfort to
comfort our brothers and sisters in their mourning.
We pray that you would bestow on them a crown
of beauty instead of ashes. We pray that you
would give them the oil of joy instead of mourning.
We pray that you would give them a garment of
praise in place of a spirit of despair

12.

all

We cry out for our sisters
We cry out for our brothers
We cry out for their families
We cry out for peace in Jesus' name

13.

leader

We declare together, oh Lord, with hearts
breaking, eyes weeping and souls stirring
We will continue to stand and cry and weep with
our brothers and sisters. We will continue to make
a place of peace for even the enemies at our table
We will continue to open our doors and our hearts
to those who enter them. We will continue to seek
to forgive as we have been forgiven.
We will continue to love in Jesus' name because
you taught us that love conquers all

14.

all

We declare our love for you, our Sisters
We declare our love for you, our Brothers
We declare our love for you, their families

We declare our love as one body,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism
We declare they do not grieve alone today

15.