

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

'The Real Jesus' Part 59 Matt 26v1-16

1. What's your favourite fragrance?
2. What do you think was the most helpful thing Rich said and why?
3. In the message on Sunday Rich talked about pouring out our most valuable things to God, as he is of greatest value.

a) Read Matthew 27v37, 38

- Why do you think this commandment makes sense?
- How much of your view of God is love and how much is duty?
- Why is God worthy of your love rather than just your duty?

b) Read Exodus 20v1-3. 'Other gods' can be anything that we value more highly than God himself.

- What things are there in your life that could be 'other gods' competing for the place of 'highest value'?
- Are there ways in which you could 'pour them all out on Jesus' to put him first in your life?
- Are there 'other gods' which you are not prepared to 'de-value' even though God himself should be first? Why? What could you do about that?

4. Read Psalm 73v25-26

- How honest do you think the psalmist is being in these verses? Why?
- Rewrite these verses in your own words.
- How honestly could you say what you have written?
- What could you do to value God alone as your 'portion' and put him in place of highest value?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Genesis 22v1-19**

God asks Abraham to sacrifice his own son Isaac, to 'pour him all out on Jesus' by killing him.

- a) Why do you think God asks Abraham to do such a terrible thing?
- b) Did God really want Isaac to die? Why? What in the passage helps you know this?
- c) Why do you think God told Abraham to do it?
- d) Are there 'Isaacs' in your life that compete with God for place of highest value?

Abraham was prepared to offer up Isaac but God gave him back having seen Abraham value priorities.

- e) When we 'pour it all out on Jesus' does God always let us keep 'it' after all in this way?
- f) What things does this account tell us about God?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please pray for the October **Alpha course**. Pray that the upcoming precincts promoting Alpha will be received well and lots of people will come to the meal.

Sunday mornings: Please pray that we will engage with and encounter God more in worship and through teaching. Pray that as a church family we would come ready and expectant to meet with God every Sunday.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

We will be in the **precinct** on Saturday the **22nd and 29th September**. If you would like to get involved please speak to Mike or Sally for more details.

Prayer Week: 23rd - 29th September. The week starts with a Prayer Evening on Sunday the **23rd at 7.30pm.**

The next **Alpha Meal** is on **Sunday 7th October, 7pm** at Prezzo in Lewes. Begin to think and pray about who you will invite.

We are having a **Baby thanksgiving** on **Sunday 30th September at 10am**. This is a great morning to invite friends and family along to.