## Matthew 26:1-30 - Why did Jesus die?

"When he had finished" – continuity from the story so far...

The time has come – Jesus is heading to the cross.

## Two responses (in advance) to the crucified Jesus:

The anointing at Bethany The unlikely followers, and the cost of following Jesus The betrayal of Judas Shallow faith: leaving when Jesus isn't what we want him to be.

## **The Last Supper**

What is actually happening

The questions we might have Does communion make you a Christian? Do we have to do it? How often should we have it? Where's Jesus in communion?

What we SHOULD be focused on (remember the context) is to trust and persist.

## To take home: how do we dig deeper in following Jesus?

How do we entrust and invest the parts of our lives to him?