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## LOSING TO WIN

We all like to win, losing is not what we desire everyday when we wake up. But it is what Jesus thought about from eternity past. In the spiritual world, we cannot win until we lose

### Girl vs Boy

- Cost when you win
- Benefits when you win

### WHEN GAIN OUTWEIGHTS LOSE

- 1 When you gain so much u really don't mind losing Certain things
- 2 Jesus was willing to lose so He could gain YOU... for ETERNITY

### THE PLAN TO LOSE

#### Matthew 26:1-13

##### ① The Plan -

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- The Original. Passover – Freedom from slavery – Reality Lamb
- The Reminder – Remember every year – eat the lamb
- The Last – The Last Passover – Meal - Lamb
- B4 the foundation of world J said He would go to cross. **Rev 13:8**
- The Plan, was for Jesus to be the last Passover. We need remindin that this was God's plan from the creation of the earth
- J would be the last LAMB that was handed over for slaughter.

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- ☺ Jesus was going to lose his life
- Jesus plan was losing so we could win

##### ② The Plot -

<sup>3</sup> *Then the chief priests & the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> & they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup> "But not during the festival," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."*

- Chief Priests and Elders were scheming –
- Why. What had Jesus done to break the spiritual laws? Nothing, they were jealous of His popularity and their declining influence among the people. Thought? Having watched all the miracles and the driving out of demons, how would they think that He could not just incinerate them if He wanted??
- Where. Palace of High Priest. Comfort can be the enemy of our souls, it can mess up our minds/clear thinking
- they couldn't comprehend losing their power, position

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- ☺ the religious leaders did not want to lose their influence
- ☺ They would win, but ultimately lose

##### ③ The Poor –

<sup>6</sup> *While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup> "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."*

- Where. Bethany, Simon Leper, Laz Father or Brother
- Why.
- Sometimes helping the poor can be an excuse and many other things can be an excuse to not honor Jesus
- If u were this woman, how would you feel towards the Disciples?
- The biggest waste that was going to take place was the Life of Jesus Christ and they did not see it

Illust Maria was worth it "gold necklace"

- Shows us that this woman thought Jesus was worth it
- ☺ The lose for the poor, was a beautiful thing done to Jesus

#### ④ The Preparation -

*<sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."*

- Why

Present. Jesus' body was prepared for His burial which would take place in a couple days

- Future. What she did will be preached thru out the world and thru all future generation.

- What – greatest example of worship, worthy so all could see

- This woman worshipped Jesus, what reason do we use to not fully worship Jesus? Church, tithe, serve,

63 VW bug, it was awesome, no heat, bad valves but it loved it I would not go back to that car no matter what, I hav a better car When we get to heaven and think about our possession,feel same

- We must worship Jesus above every possession we have/own

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☺ The woman lost her \$ expensive perfume and gained world wide recognition

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- NO ONE EVER SAID I CANT WAIT TO LOSE except pl in love, grandparents, pl who start a new business,

- THOSE WHO KNOW WHAT JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT.

\* The best **winners** are those who have **learned** to lose

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#### PLAN YOUR LOSING STRATEGY

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2 \_\_\_\_\_

- If u have a child who wins all the time, they will not be able to empathize with the ones who lose

- When we lose, it helps us feel for the other guy, Jesus lost, no one can say he doesn't know what like to human

- Those who understand what J meant about losing, are not losers

- Her extravagant love looked wrong to them, you are wasting your time you are doing to much for the church.

- She could have just poured out part of it.

- IF you lose for Jesus, you're not a loser, if you gain for yourself you are a loser?

#### Stage/Props:

**Video: Jeopardy Lady lost for Military Guy. Trouble w the curve, scouts all looking at him, slams bat down, Peanuts.**

#### On the potential of humans

"We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special," Hawking told German paper Der Spiegel in 1988. He often spoke about space exploration and the extent of human potential.

#### On religion

"There is a fundamental difference between religion, which is based on authority, [and] science, which is based on observation and reason," Hawking told ABC's Diane Sawyer in 2010. "Science will win, because it works." But his work wasn't all dry rationality. "Science is not only a disciple of reason but, also, one of romance and passion," he told PARADE magazine in 2010.

**Steven Hawkins** Hawking had a rare early-onset slow-progressing form of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as motor neurone disease or Lou Gehrig's disease, that gradually paralysed him over the decades.<sup>[20][21]</sup> Throughout his life, he was still able to communicate using a single cheek muscle attached to a speech-generating device.

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