

Three Costly Choices

Matthew 26:1-16

The Cost of Our Response to Christ

“No one meets Jesus with indifference.”

There is no neutrality.

Every response to Jesus will cost you something.

The question is: Is the cost worth it?

The Costly Choice of the Chief Priests & Elders (v. 3-5)

The cost: A forfeited _____ to remain _____

They rejected Jesus because His _____ threatened *their* authority.

Embracing Him would have meant surrendering the throne of their own lives.

So, to protect their power, pride, and control, they chose to eliminate the King rather than bow to Him.

Every willfully lost person repeats their same deadly logic: Rejecting Jesus to _____.

Every lost person is fighting to stay on the _____ of their own life.

And what did they gain?

And what did they lose?

The Costly Choice of the Woman with the Alabaster Flask (v. 6-13)

The cost: A priceless _____ extravagantly poured out

Matthew doesn’t name the woman who anointed Jesus, but John tells us it was _____, the sister of Lazarus.

Mary took an alabaster jar—made from soft, translucent stone and typically reserved for a family’s most valuable oils, and poured its perfume, valued at almost a _____ salary, onto Jesus.

The disciples look at her act and call it “waste.”

Why?

“Nothing poured out on Jesus is ever wasted.

Anything withheld from Him always is.”

They saw _____.

She saw _____.

And Jesus calls her act “a beautiful thing.”

What is a “beautiful thing” I can do to Jesus?

The Costly Choice of Judas Iscariot (V. 14-16)

The cost: Spiritual _____ for trivial gain

Matthew tells us that Judas went to the chief priests and asked a chilling question: “What will you give me?”

The priests offer him **30 pieces of silver**; the compensation required in Exodus 21:32 if someone’s slave was gored by an ox. That is the legal value of a _____.

That is what Judas accepted as the price tag on his Messiah.

The cost of that choice was catastrophic. Judas gained a handful of coins and lost his _____.

He gained a brief satisfaction of greed and stepped into eternal judgment. He gained a moment of control and plunged into despair, leading to his suicide.

People still trade Jesus for lesser things.

Judas shows us where that road leads.

CONCLUSION – The Worth of Jesus and the Cost of Our Response

The priests thought Jesus was worth _____.

Judas thought Jesus was worth _____.

The woman thought Jesus was worth _____.

All three responses still exist today, and every person who encounters Jesus will choose one of them.

What is Jesus worth to you?

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
November 16, 2025

Sunday, November 16

10am Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship.....Steven Wilson

Great Things

Creator

Prayer for Operation Christmas Child & Missions.....Tommy Perry

Interview with Moses Odhiambo: Echoes of Mercy Mission, KenyaTommy Perry

Offering

Passover Us

MessagePaul Thompson
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Christ Our Treasure

Benediction.....Reagan Farris
Philippians 3:7-8

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerSteven Wilson
Lamentations 3:22-24

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

Come Thou Fount

How Great Thou Art

There Is A Fountain

MessagePaul Thompson
The Lord's Table
Matthew 26:17-30

Lord's Supper

Keep The Feast

Senior Adult Midmonth

Thursday, November 20 | 11am | Fellowship Center

Dan Tankersley will be speaking. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

Thanksgiving Meal Opportunity

Thursday, November 27 | 11:30am | Parlor

Jeff and Staci Spears want to offer a Thanksgiving meal for Calvary members who might be eating alone or have no family or special plans for Thanksgiving. If you would be interested in sharing lunch on Thanksgiving with some of your Calvary family, contact Staci Spears 334-618-3726 by November 24.

November 30 AM Worship

Please note that our Sunday morning worship service on November 30 will be held in the Sanctuary.

Notice for Parents of 4-Year-Olds through Kindergarteners

On Sunday, November 30, children ages 4 through Kindergarten will attend Worship with their parents following Life Group. Life Groups will meet as scheduled; however, parents are asked to pick up their children at the conclusion of Life Group and bring them to Worship. Thank you for your cooperation as we provide this special opportunity for families to worship together.

Help Needed to Decorate the Church for Christmas

If you can help put up Christmas decorations at the church on the mornings of Monday, November 24 and/or Tuesday, November 25, call Rebekah in the church office or email rebekah@calvarydothan.com.

In the Word with Jen Wilkin

March 13-14, 2026 | Gardendale, AL | 60 spots available

Jen will be teaching on the Lord's Prayer and worship will be led by Sandra McCracken. Enjoy time away with your sisters in Christ and walk away with a deeper theology of prayer and practical tools to transform not just how you pray - but why you pray. Grab a friend, sister, or daughter and make plans to come with us!

Details and registration at calvarydothan.com.

Winter Open Classes

Wednesdays | 6pm | December 3-February 25

(No Classes December 24 or January 31

Systematic Theology 1

Teachers: Paul Thompson, Don Mills

Parenting for Life

Teachers: Joseph Parden, Sam Tarwater

How to Study the Bible / Fear of Man

Teachers: Dan Tankersley, Lance Morgan

See bulletin insert for more details.

Meaningful Membership Intensive Class

Sunday, December 7 | 1-4pm

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend all three Sunday morning classes, join us for this intensive 3-hour class in the Office Building Conference Room. All the material will be covered in this one class.

If you plan to attend and/or need childcare, call the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com by Wednesday, December 3.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

☐ I trusted Jesus as Savior.

☐ I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

☐ I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

☐ Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

☐ Pastors & Prayer Team Only

☐ Churchwide

Connect Card
November 16, 2025

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:
First Time Guest
Attender
Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male
Female

Married
Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

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November Missions Spotlight

Steve & Toni Chambers (Neighborhood Church UWS)
Steve and Toni moved to NYC in the Fall of 2017 with the intent of planting a church in the city. By God's grace, that became a reality, and Neighborhood Church was born. Steve's mission for the church is simple: Love God and Love Your Neighbor. To see how you can pray for the ministry work of the Chambers, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer. To learn more about the ministry work of the Chambers in NYC, visit facebook.com/neighborhoodchurchuws or neighborhoodchurchuws.com.

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries (Local Missions Partner)
The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. The result we desire to see is hope and wholeness for children and families through knowing God. To see how you can pray for the ministry work of the ABCH, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk located in the Fellowship Center foyer. To learn more about the ministry endeavors of ABCH, contact Kim McGainey at kmcgainey@alabamachild.org or visit facebook.com/alabamachild/ or alabamachild.org.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...
November 9
Life Group: 442
10:00 Worship: 731
5:00 Worship: 231
Hispanic Church: 108
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given November 9: \$43,280.92
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$234,627.10) as of 10/31/25

BIBLE READING PLAN
November 16-22
Ezek 21, James 1
Ezek 22-24, James 2
Ezek 25-26, James 3
Ezek 27-28, James 4
Ezek 29-31, James 5
Ezek 32-34, 1 Pet 1-2

Sunday Schedule
8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
Childcare for Babies-K3

I'm New Here
We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.
To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian
Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff
Paul Thompson..... Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain..... Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor
Steven Wilson..... Interim Worship
Tommy Perry..... Missions

Lay Elders
Eric Donop
Jed Downs
David Glover
Dave Lindey

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, November 16:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Saturday, November 22:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Sunday, November 23:
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SERMON SCHEDULE
Sunday, November 23
10am
Alone in the Garden
Matthew 26:31-56
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm
The Cup of Wrath
Psalm 75
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday Schedule
6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, & ESL Classes
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

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- Philippians 3:8



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH