* What’s going on in this section of the book?
  + Do any bits strike you as different to the rest (e.g. anointing at Bethany)?
* What contrasts do you see coming out?
  + Calm prediction of Jesus vs. furtive plotting of Jewish leaders
  + Devotion of woman at Bethany vs. calculated betrayal of Judas
* What does Matthew want his readers to feel as they read these?
* Matthew often finishes blocks of teaching from Jesus with a statement “when Jesus had finished saying this, this happened”:
  + After the sermon on the mount, c7v28
  + After he gives the disciples their instructions in chapter 10, chapter 11v1
  + After his parables in chapter 13, v53 says
  + And a2gain after the parables of chapter 18, 19v1 says

What do you think Matthew has been doing with this joining phrase all along?

* + What marks out this on in c26? What relevance does that have?
* What do we learn about prayer from looking at Jesus in Gethsemane?
  + Necessity: even at the lowest point in human history
  + Value of shared prayer: Jesus longs to pray with his disciples
  + Value in repeated prayer: prays same things 3 times!
  + Mystery of unanswered prayer
    - Heb 5:7
* What does this passage tell us about who Jesus is?
* What does this passage tell us about who we are?
  + Where can we see ourselves in the passage?