



**The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Department of Christian Education**  
**MAKING DISCIPLES through "events that FORM and TRANSFORM"**



**Sunday School Lessons**  
**Unit Two**  
**"Call To Ministry"**  
**April 2019**

This quarter surveys several calls to ministry and the expectations of those called. Calls to service, as recorded in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, are highlighted. We explore Paul's call to ministry, with special attention to the Roman Church. On Easter Sunday, we examine Matthew's account of the Resurrection.

Unit II, "Call to Ministry," in five sessions (includes March 31), explores the diverse ways in which Jesus' disciples were challenged to exercise their call to ministry: by witnessing to the gospel message, acting with loving kindness, sharing the Resurrection story, and making new disciples through preaching, teaching, and baptism.

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Unifying Principle

People often long remember bad deeds done to them and forget good ones. Will the evil that is done to harm always outweigh the good? The woman with the alabaster jar performed an act of kindness to Jesus that will be remembered wherever the good news is told.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To contrast the love of the woman with the disciples' response to her actions.
- ✓ To appreciate the woman's preparation of Jesus for his coming death and burial.
- ✓ To embrace the call to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ despite ridicule or resistance.

Challenges for the Week

- Compare and contrast Jesus' anointing in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper with his earlier anointing at the home of Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7:36-50.
- Make a table comparing and contrasting the three accounts of this event in Matthew, Mark, and John. Note the dissimilarities (e.g., six days or two days before Passover; house of Simon or house of Lazarus; anointing of head or feet, etc.). Despite these incongruities, what seems to be the central message of this episode in the life of Jesus?
- Use commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and other resources to research Caiaphas (sometimes known as Joseph Caiaphas). How does this information shed light on his actions with regard to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus?

We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: [sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org](mailto:sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org) to receive this guide electronically.

