

## John 12:1-11

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The Feet of Jesus  
With Very Costly  
Perfume*



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## THE POINT OF THE STORY

It's a beautiful thing when the worth of Jesus and the love of his followers match-when the value of his perfections and the intensity of our affections correspond.

And it is not beautiful, but suicidal, when they don't

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They were celebrating the resurrection of  
Lazarus from the dead

Vs.1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the  
Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was,  
whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus hosted a dinner for  
Jesus

# Mary made her lavish presentation.

<sup>2</sup> So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.

<sup>3</sup> Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume

# Judas speaks up

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?”

# Two thoughts about the expensive ointment

1. It was very expensive
2. How suicidal it is when our hearts don't  
match the worth of Jesus

# Judas speaks up

<sup>6</sup> Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

# Different Responses to Jesus' Worth

Judas had money on his mind

Mary's heart was full of wonder, thankfulness  
and joy

Judas loved money

Mary's heart corresponded to the treasure that  
Jesus is



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How beautiful it is when the hearts of the followers and the worth of Jesus match, how suicidal it is when they don't.

# Jesus Gives Three Reasons Why Judas Should Leave Mary Alone

1. Leave her alone, because you are not always going to have me with you (Vs. 8b)

2. Leave her alone, because the poor you will always have with you (Vs.8a)

3. Leave her alone, so that she may keep this for the day of my burial (Vs.7)

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The first reason relates to the value in Jesus

The second reason relates to Judas' sense of the  
value of money

The third reason relates to whether Mary will be  
able to keep on treasuring Jesus even when he  
is being buried.

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# I Timothy 6:7-10

We brought nothing into the world, and we will take nothing out of the world. If we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmless desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils. And by this kind of craving some have wandered away from the faith (O, Judas!) and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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# POINTS TO PONDER

1. If any voice tells you to moderate your love for Jesus, do not listen to them. Let your affections for Jesus be lavish so that they match his worth
2. If any voice tempts you to want to be rich in money do not listen to them



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3. If any voice tells you that the death of Jesus is anything less than the triumph over death do not  
listen

## John 11:25-27

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.”