



come & see

MARY'S EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

John 12:1-11

If you were going to throw Jesus a party, and wanted to present Him with a gift that brought great honor to Him, what would you offer Him?

"Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table."

JOHN 12:1-2

"Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

JOHN 12:3

Mary knew that when Jesus spoke, it was like someone turning the lights on in a very, very dark room—a dark world. But, His words and presence seemed to chase away all the darkness and all the lies.

"Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is what dies inside us when we live."

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"But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?' He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it."

JOHN 12:4-6

Here is the question that John is wanting us to wrestle with:

Q) Which disciple has rightly understood the significance of Jesus life? The professional or the friend? Which would you have sided with?

“Jesus said, 'Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.' When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.”

JOHN 12:7-9

You see, a changed heart is exemplified by Spirit-led actions, Spirit-led courage, and Spirit-Led vulnerability.

What I love most about Mary is how blind she was to herself. It's as if she didn't know how all this looked to others. She just knew that this is what God would have her do—to fully give away something so precious and valuable. How often we waste valuable opportunities because we fear man more than we fear God.

**We fear having enough. We fear a loss of control.
We fear the questions, the looks and the accusations.
So, we don't act!**

**What is your costly alabaster jar that
God is calling you to pour out?**

What is your alabaster jar? Is it your most precious possession? Your mate? Your children? Your financial portfolio? Or maybe it's your image, your reputation, your career. Perhaps it's your plans for your future or your desire for a child.

Mary's lesson is this: Jesus is worth it!