

The Gospel Of John

ICEBREAKER

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CONTEXT

Jesus returns to Bethany and is at dinner with Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. We see Mary worship Jesus by anointing His feet while Judas acts in mock outrage about waste. We also learn that the religious leaders seek Jesus and Lazarus.

PASSAGE

John 12:1-11

DISCUSS

- We are all worshipers of someone or something, usually identified by what we prioritize. What would a glance at your life (bank account, social media, calendar) show you hold most dear? Why?
- What does treasuring Jesus more than our "stuff" look like in practical terms? Is having a savings account, retirement, or nice things wrong?
- What was Mary's motive for worshiping Jesus by anointing His feet? What is your motive for serving Christ? How can you keep the right reason in focus?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

- Have you ever found yourself criticizing the way someone has expressed worship for God? Why do you think you went there in your mind or heart?
- Lazarus was a target of the enemy because people believed in Jesus because of him. Could the same be said about you?

2. How will you apply this to your life?

- What has the Holy Spirit brought to mind for you to apply going forward?
- How will you worship Jesus with your life going forward?
- What are some obstacles to applying these principles to your life?

3. How will you pass it on to someone?

- If someone asked you to explain why John 12:1-11 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?
- How will you incorporate what you've learned into your interactions with others?

NEXT STEPS

In what ways can we cultivate or grow in our worship of Christ this week? Begin by praying and asking God to set your soul on fire for Him again.

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