

# “Have We Forgotten Thanksgiving?”

John 12:1-8 (NIV)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup>"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages. " <sup>6</sup>He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup>"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

The **Adoration** of Mary (v 1-3)

Her actions **cost** something (v 3a)

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Her actions **revealed** something (v 3b)

Psalms 23:5 (NIV)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Her actions **produced** something (v 3c)

Matthew 26:13 (NIV)

I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

The **Aggravation** of Judas (v 4-6)

Proverbs 10:7 (NIV)

The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.

His words are **critical** (v 5a)

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted

His words are **judgmental** (v 5b)

Mathew 26:8 Judas said. "Why this waste?"

For Judas it was all about the **money**..... What's it going to cost?

His words are **hypocritical** (v 6)

John 17:12 (NIV)

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

Jesus had words of **protection**..... leave her alone (v 7)

Jesus had words of **praise**

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Jesus had words of **priority** (v 8)

Deuteronomy 15:11 (NIV)

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.

Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

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