

# THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## The Wasteful Woman

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John 12:1-11

### THE WASTEFUL WOMAN

Jesus final words at the home place two things in tension:

1. pure personal \_\_\_\_\_ to him, *and*
  2. social \_\_\_\_\_.
- This story is really about the cross, and about Mary's courageous understanding and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' death.
  - And, this is a bold declaration that no gift can be too precious that shows \_\_\_\_\_ for what Jesus is about to do.

### THREAT

1. **Mary's** act: a threat to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ living. (*Mark 14:9*)
2. **Judas** and The **Disciples'** response: a threat to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Judas:** \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.  
**Disciples:** \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus;  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.
3. **Jesus'** life: a threat to \_\_\_\_\_.

### WASTE

Waste = giving \_\_\_\_\_ than is \_\_\_\_\_.

Our work \_\_\_\_\_ him springs out of our ministry \_\_\_\_\_ him.

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Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to 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."

<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.