

One Church
December 29, 2019
I AM — We Are
John 12:1–8

Key Point: Mary worshiped Jesus sacrificially

Getting Started

What is the most extravagant gift you have ever given to someone? Was it difficult to give away something so valuable? How did they receive it?

Discussion Questions

Read John 12:1–8

1. What does Mary do for Jesus while he is reclined at the table? Is Mary doing something common or extremely uncommon?
2. Read Luke 10:39, John 11:32, and John 12:3. In scripture, how do we often see Mary depicted? What does this tell us about her heart for Jesus?
3. What was the value of the expensive perfume? Was this a significant amount of money back then? What was Judas' reaction to Mary's gift? So, if this amount was almost a year's wages and Mary just anointed Jesus with it, do you find yourself thinking more like Judas or more like Mary?
4. Read John 12:7–8, Matt 26:10–13, and Mark 14:6–9. How did Jesus react to Mary's gift?
5. Let's bring it home. What is the modern-day equivalent to the love and devotion that Mary showed to Jesus? What can you do to show your love and devotion to Jesus?

Mary displayed sacrificial worship to her Lord by anointing Jesus with some crazy expensive perfume. She didn't care about the price because she knew Jesus was worth it all. The question for us this week is, how can we as followers of Jesus live our everyday lives as a sweet aroma in worship to Jesus?