

that you would believe

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

MESSAGE **NOTES**
YOUR GREATEST PURPOSE!

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JOHN 12:1-11 (NLT)

¹Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. ²A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. ³Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵“That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.” ⁶Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself. ⁷Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.” ⁹When all the people heard of Jesus’ arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. ¹⁰Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, ¹¹for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.

Worshiping King Jesus should be your primary concern!

VERSE 8 (NLT)

“You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

VERSES 2-3 (NLT)

²A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. ³Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

1. Martha worshiped King Jesus by serving Him!

You were created to serve!

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 PETER 4:10 (NIV)

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:7 (NIV)

I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

2. Lazarus worshiped King Jesus by fellowshiping with Him!

JOHN 5:39 (NLT)

“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!”

MATTHEW 4:4b (NLT)

“People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

1 SAMUEL 30:6 (NLT)

David was now in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

3. Mary worshiped King Jesus by giving Him a gift!

PROVERBS 3:9-10 (NLT)

⁹Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. ¹⁰Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

MATTHEW 6:21 (NLT)

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 (NIV)

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Ending thought:

Worshiping King Jesus can be hazardous to your health!

VERSES 9-11 (NLT)

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