

THE COST OF WORSHIP ~ JOHN 11:45-12:11

→ Scripture reading John 12:1-8

INTRODUCTION

Contrast = to compare or evaluate in respect to differences

JESUS MUST BE SACRIFICED ~ John 11:45-57

[45] Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. [46] But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. [47] Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. [48] If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." [49] Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! [50] You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." [51] He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, [52] and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. [53] So from that day on they plotted to take his life. [54] Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples. [55] When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. [56] They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the Feast at all?" [57] But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.

APPLICATION

HONORING JESUS ~ John 12:1-11

[1] Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. [2] Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. [3] 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. [4] But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, [5] "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." [6] 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.

JOHN	MATTHEW & MARK
1- BEFORE Triumphal Entry	1- AFTER Triumphal Entry
2- at Martha & Mary's (Implied)	2- at Simon the Leper's
3- Mary pours perfume on Jesus' FEET	3- Woman pours perfume on Jesus' HEAD
4- Reaction by Judas	4- Reaction by Disciples

[7] "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. [8] You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." [9] 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. [10] So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, [11] for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

John 12:7 (ESV) Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.

Mark 14:7-8 The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

APPLICATION

Mary Gave...

- Wholeheartedly
- Humbly
- Sacrificially
- Permanently

Judas Took...

- Selfishly
- Secretively
- Arrogantly

1 Chronicles 21:24 But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."

→I will NOT offer my Worship if it COSTS ME NOTHING

TAKE AWAY ?? (What do we take home from this?)

Mary, Martha, Lazarus all Worshiped Jesus

- Lazarus - by Being with Jesus
- Martha - by Serving Jesus
- Mary - by Anointing Jesus

→To worship God is to Recognize His Worth ...to look at God and to acknowledge in ALL Appropriate ways the Value of what we see. (J. I. Packer)

Ways to Worship and Give God Glory... (J. I. Packer)

- Praising God for All that He is & All He has done
- Thanking God for His Goodness and Blessings
- Asking God to meet needs
- Offering to Him our gifts, passions, time, and service
- Studying and obeying His Word
- Telling others of His Worth

Psalm 29:2 Give honor to the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. (NLT)

Attitudes and Statements of Worship... (J. I. Packer)

- Lord, You are wonderful
- Thank You, Lord
- Please Lord
- Take this, Lord
- Yes, Lord
- Join me everybody

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (NIV)