



WEEK FOUR

## MARY OF BETHANY

JOHN 12:1-8

— ENCOUNTERS

# If you could add hours to your day, how many would you add?

## How do we find abundant life in Christ in the chaotic flow of time?





## **Encounters**

## **John 3:16 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.

## John 12

Faithful Friends

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#### John 12:1-3 NIV

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.





## Authentic Devotion

Costly

Humble

Intimate

Blesses

## Faithful Friends

## **Pragmatic Protest**

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#### John 12:4-6 NIV

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.

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#### John 12:7-8 NIV

"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."

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A spirituality that is not inherently missional is a truncated vision of life with the triune God. At the same time, any vision of missional life or missional church that neglects the cultivation of dynamic dependence on and intimacy with the living God runs the risk of becoming mere activism. Spirituality and mission belong inseparably together, **like breathing in and breathing out.** 

- Barry Jones, Dwell: Life with God for the World

PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE

Pain

Dysfunction

Fear

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FUTURE

God's Faithfulness

Devotion

God's Promises

Learn to waste time with Jesus.

# Practices for learning to waste time with Jesus

### This Week:

- What are simple ways I can create rhythms of devotion? What would these cost me?

## **Tonight:**

- What are your concerns in this present moment? Pain of the past? Fears of the future?
- How has God been faithful in the past?
  What promises are you hoping in for the future?
- How can you respond in this moment?