

WEEK FOUR

## MARY OF BETHANY

JOHN 12:1-8

ENCOUNTERS

# Your heart attitude toward Jesus determines your response to Jesus.

#### John 12:1-8 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. 4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

b "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. 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."

## Five Good Questions

Who

What

When

Where

Why

What

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### John 12:1-4 NIV

### John 12:9-11 NIV

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.

To So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

What

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### John 12:1-4 NIV

### **Mark 14:3 NIV**

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

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### **John 11:54 NIV**

Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

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## Mary's Response

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Worship is the believer's response of all that they are – mind, emotions, will, body – to what God is and says and does.

- WARREN WIERSBE

## Judas' Response

#### John 12:4-6 NIV

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### Mark 14:4-5 NIV

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

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### 1 Timothy 6:10 NIV

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

## Jesus' Response

### John 12:7-8 NIV

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### **Matthew 26:14-16 NIV**

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

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