

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

27 Re-Think of Gospel

INTRODUCTION | The Fragrance of Jesus

Mary expressed her love and trust in Jesus in a surprising manner. She anointed a pound of expensive ointment on his feet and wiped it with her hair. Why was she able to do this? Let's think about the heart's motive behind her action. She was also criticized and chastised for her action. What do you think about her action?

SCRIPTURE | John 12:1 – 11

1. Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at the table. 3. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5. "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6. He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. 8. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." 9. When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, 11. because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

QUESTIONS |

- 1: (v.3-5) From what part of the passage can you tell that Mary's action towards Jesus was considered an aberrant? What do you think about her action?
- 2: What does Mary's anointment of Jesus' feet with a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard suggest her attitude towards him? For you, is Jesus worthy of your best (most valuable) gift you can offer?
- 3: (v.1-2) Why do you think Mary wiped the feet of Jesus with her hair after pouring an ointment? Let's think about her heart's motive and the reason behind it. Also, what are the reasons for your obedience and disobedience to Jesus?
- 4: (v.5-6) How does Judas Iscariot criticize the action of Mary? What's reason behind his criticism? Do you ever find yourself acting like Judas?
- 5: (v.7-8) What kind of meaning and effect does the action of Mary signify according the word of Jesus? What are some of the things you need to be aware of in order to give out the fragrance of Christ?

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REFERENCES |

2 Corinthians 2:15

15. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,

Luke 10:38-42

38. Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41. But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42. but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

Bento Project (Aug. 1st)

Community Groups, Grace Kids (on Sundays) and weekly emails will take a break in the month of August.