

“True Worship”

John 12:1-11

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In John 4 Jesus defined true worship. In John 12 true worship is displayed by Mary, the sister of Lazarus. Her example of true devotion is unparalleled and serves as a practical model for us today.

1. The Humility of True Worship (1-3)

“Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.”

2. The Enemy of True Worship (4-6)

“But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, ‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?’ Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.”

3. The Priority of True Worship (7-11)

“Therefore Jesus said, ‘Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.’...on account of Him many of the Jews were going away, and were believing in Jesus”