

## March 5, 2023

Anointed

John 12:1-11

In John 12, Jesus attends a dinner in Bethany. Many people are present at the meal, including Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. It was a dinner to remember. The dinner is remembered not because of the food, the teaching, or even the presence of Lazarus, the man who was dead but is now alive, it is remembered because of what Mary did. Mary anoints Jesus. Her act is still remembered 2,000 years later.

### Additional Verses:

Exodus 28:41, 40:9

1 Kings 1:38, 19:16

Matthew 1:1, 26:6-16

Mark 14:1-9

Hebrews 4:14-16

### Outline:

1. The anointing of Jesus is an act of devotion.

2. The anointing of Jesus is an act of separation.

3. The anointing of Jesus is an act of submission.

4. The anointing of Jesus is an act of preparation

### Study Questions:

1. How can you express extravagant devotion to Jesus today? How do you think people around you would react?

2. How does Jesus fulfill the offices of prophet, priest, and king? For what is Jesus actually set apart? How is this part of the mission Jesus was sent to accomplish?

3. What is the most extravagant gift you have ever given to Jesus? What is your most extravagant act of submission to Jesus? How can you cultivate this attitude in your daily life?

4. How does Mary's action contrast to that of the religious leaders and Judas? Why is Mary's reaction the right reaction?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?