

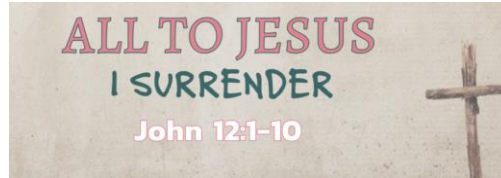
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: *John* – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: John 12:1-11 – *Mary made the best choice; Judas was disgruntled.*

Today's Message:

"All to Jesus"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, Martha and Mary told Jesus that He was 4 days late; He said He was right on schedule for the glory of God. Lazarus was the final miracle that should have caused Israel to worship Jesus Christ! Today, we have come for our final meeting in the place where God planted our church. We have been reminded of our past and how God has been so good to us. Amen! It is fitting that God has led us to our passage today. Mary will give to Jesus something very **COSTLY**; it will be so valuable that Judas will express disgust over the amount as if it was **WASTED** on Jesus. This is God's message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text John 12:1-11

#1. *The Last Days* (1) – there were only a few days left to **SERVE** Jesus Christ.

- The context of this chapter is **SIX** days before the passover – the cross of Calvary.
 - John 12:1** – Then Jesus **six days** before the passover came to Bethany...
 - 2 Timothy 3:1** – This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come.
 - Hebrews 3:13** – But **exhort one another daily**, while it is called To day...
 - There is no doubt that you are living in the last days before the Rapture.
- The friends of Jesus had a limited amount of **TIME**; they did not know how long.
 - Revelation 1:3** – Blessed is he that readeth... for **the time is at hand**.
 - The Holy Spirit is calling people to serve Jesus Christ while there is still time.

Famous Quote

"Only one life will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."
– C.T. Studd

#2. *The Life Choices* (1-8) – everyone made a choice with lasting **CONSEQUENCES**.

- Lazarus chose to **SIT** at the table with Jesus Christ.
 - John 12:2** – ... but **Lazarus was one of them** that sat at the table with him.
 - Rev 3:20** – Behold, I stand at the door... I will come in to him, and **will sup with him**...
 - Rev 19:9** – ...**Blessed** are they which are called unto **the marriage supper of the Lamb**...
 - Come to the table! "And here at the table, sit those who have loved you..."
- Martha chose to **SERVE** Jesus Christ.
 - John 12:2** – There **they made him a supper**; and **Martha served**...
 - Lk 10:38-41** – ...Martha received him...But **Martha was cumbered** about **much serving**...
 - Serve Jesus while you can! Consider the moment you see Him the first time...

Important Note

Jesus Christ invites all to come; many choose to reject His invitation.

"I'll Wish I Had Given Him More"

By and by when I look at His face, Beautiful face, thorn-shadowed face;
By and by when I look at His face, I'll wish I had given Him more... More, so much more...

Important Note

Mary must have had no regrets about her choice to give Jesus Christ her most valuable gift.

Malachi 3:8-10

Will a man rob God? Yet ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

5. Mary chose to humbly **WORSHIP** Jesus Christ with her most costly gifts.
 - **John 12:3** – *Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly...*
 - **Luke 10:39** – *... a sister, called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.*
 - **Luke 10:42** – *But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part... which shall not be taken away from her.*
 - Give to Jesus all you can, while you can! "All to Jesus, I surrender..."
6. Judas chose to be **SELFISH** concerning Jesus Christ; he was a betrayer and a thief.
 - **John 12:4** – *Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot... which should betray him...*
 - **John 12:5** – *Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence...*
 - **John 12:6** – *This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief...*
 - Stop robbing Jesus Christ of what He deserves! "All to Jesus, I surrender..."

#3. The Lives Impacted (9-11) – many people came to see **LAZARUS...** and Jesus!

Important Note

God is in the life-changing business! Your life matters to God and for His work and glory!

7. The miracle of Lazarus was the cause of many people **BELIEVING** on Jesus.
 - **John 12:11** – *Because that by reason of him*
MANY OF THE JEWS WENT AWAY,
and believed on Jesus.
 - **John 9:25** – *... one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.*
 - **Matthew 5:16** – *Let your light so shine before men,*
THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
 - What a testimony for Jesus Christ! What does your life preach?
8. The miracle of Lazarus was the cause of much **GRIEF** to the religious leaders!
 - **John 12:10** – *But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;*
 - **Genesis 4:4-10** – *... And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.*
 - **Exodus 10:3** – *...How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me?*
 - **Ecc 9:3** – *This is an evil among all things that are done... madness is in their heart...*
 - **Daniel 5:21** – *And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made...*
 - **Matthew 2:3-16** – *When Herod the king had heard these things... slew all the children...*
 - **Luke 16:31** – *And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

Question

Is the devil happy with the way you are living your life or are you a source of much grief for him?

"But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42

Mary must have had no regrets. She gave of her most costly possessions to Jesus. What will be said of you? What will you surrender to Jesus Christ? Which of the people in our passage today are you most like? Today can change your life forever. Repent.

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