

# **Servants of our King**

**John 12:1-8**

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Part of The King of Everything

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You GIVE to whom you LOVE.

John 12:1-8 – 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 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 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me. ”

What you GIVE to those you LOVE might look EXCESSIVE to outsiders.

Now What?

The KING is PRESENT.

The KING is the KING.

We are SERVANTS.

Small Group Questions

Who or what do you naturally love to give to—your time, energy, attention, or resources?

What does that reveal about what matters most to you right now?

Mary's gift looked excessive to others but made sense to her.

Can you think of something in your life that might look “too much” to outsiders but reflects what you truly love?

Judas was close to Jesus but guarded.

Where do you feel most guarded with Jesus right now—time, control, comfort, reputation, or something else?

The sermon discussed the distinction between talking about Jesus and talking to Jesus.

What might change in your daily life if you spoke to Jesus more honestly and directly this week?

The sermon challenged us to pray, “Lord, I’m your servant—what do you want me to do today?”

What’s one small, realistic act of obedience or service that might follow from that prayer?