



Title: Raised To Life: Anointing at Bethany

Scripture: John 12:1-11

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BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is worthy of our worship.

Vs. 1

Then- Considering John 11 and how Jesus raised Lazarus back to life. We have a new scene.

Six days before Passover- We have a spatial element in the Gospel. John included this to let us know we are now in last week of the life of Jesus.

We note that John uses the about ½ of the Gospel of John to cover the last week of Jesus' life.

Jesus came to Bethany- Bethany was 2 miles outside of Jerusalem.

Vs. 2

They made Him supper- Mary, Martha and Lazarus made Him supper. They probably did this as thanks but we can't know for sure as we noted during our study of Chapter 11 that they were close friends.

Notice how Jesus still had time to connect with others despite what the next week would hold.

Live every moment for the cause of the Lord.

Martha served, but Lazarus...- We know we have Martha, Mary (next verse) and Lazarus all here.

Vs. 3

Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard- When you had guest come to your house, you would typically anoint them with oil and wash their feet.

Anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair- Here Mary anointed and washed the feet of Jesus,

“It was very costly, but it had not cost a penny too much now that it could be used upon him. There was a pound of it, but there was none too much for him. It was very sweet, but none too sweet for him.” (Spurgeon)

Notice the posture of Martha, Lazarus, and Mary. It’s the picture of the Church:

1. Martha was working. Serving.
2. Lazarus was witnessing. Witnessing. Our witness can be silent.
3. Mary was worshipping. Worshipping. Worship costs us something.

And the house was filled with the fragrance- The smell of this oil permeated every part of this home.

Our worship of Jesus should permeate every place in our lives.

Vs. 4-6

Judas Iscariot- We have to remember that from our perspective Judas has already done the unthinkable. Chronologically speaking, he has not crossed that line.

Three hundred denarii- Judas proposes a price for the worship of Jesus. Who was Judas to put a price on what someone else is willing to give God.

Vs. 7-8

Let her alone- Notice how Jesus defends Mary. We have a stark contrast. In Mary, we see someone at the feet of Jesus worshipping Him.

No one has to be taught how to be critical of others. We have to learn to worship. Chose a lifestyle of worship.

But Me you do not have always- You will always have opportunities for various activities. You will not always have time for intimate worship.

Vs. 9-10

Many of the Jews....plotted to put Lazarus to death also- Presumably, it was the sadducees (who did not believe in resurrection). Think of the resurrection of Lazarus and how that created a potentially embarrassing situation for them.

“When men hate Christ, they also hate those whom he has blessed, and will go to any lengths in seeking to silence their testimony.” (Spurgeon)

Vs. 11

Jews went away and believed in Jesus- We see another reminder of what this 7th miracle did. It brought people to a point of believing in Jesus.

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



Raised To Life: Miracle Working God Part 3

John 11:38-57

3D Guide

BOTTOM LINE: Even in difficult times, the Lord still loves us unconditionally.

DO.

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



DISCUSS.



1. In you own words how should we define 'worship'?
2. In this act of worship of Jesus, describe what Mary did.
3. How can we apply this block of scripture to our lives?

DO.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?

