

## Jesus Anointed and Triumphal Entry

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### John 12:1-11 – Jesus Anointed

- A dinner to honor Jesus at Lazarus' home
- Martha serving
- Mary at the feet of Jesus
- Anoints him in preparation for burial
- People flock to see him and Lazarus
- You will always have the poor with you
- You will not always have me

### An extravagant gift

- Spikenard – an aromatic herb from the mountains of India
- Carried such value that people used it for investment purposes – like gold
- Value of a working man's year's wage
- Used to anoint kings
- A picture of pure and simple devotion to Christ which others consider wasteful
- Embracing opportunities and prioritizing devotion
- Not done for the praise of others, but for love for Jesus
- Matthew 13:44
- "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose"

### John 12:12-19 – Triumphal Entry

- Jerusalem visitors for Passover
- Jesus on a donkey –
  - fulfillment of prophecy (Zechariah 9:9)
- He is humble
- Philippians 2:5-8
  - James 4:10 (NLT2) Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.
  - Greatest response of humility is obedience
  - Humility – not a warrior on a horse (Revelation 19)
  - Donkeys carry the cross upon their back

- "Hosanna" exclamation of praise adapted from a Hebrew expression meaning "save now"
- Luke 19:38-40
- Habakkuk 2:11

### Spontaneous Worship – many acts of respect

- People shouting blessings and Old Testament phrases of praise
- Waving branches or placing them on the road
- Removing coats and spreading them under the colt's hooves
- Applications
  - Stirred to worship by the Lord's presence
  - Spontaneous expressions given place
- Conclusion
  - Take his fragrance with you
  - You are an aroma of Christ
  - His fragrance of humility
  - His fragrance of obedience
  - Opportunities for extravagant worship
  - Expressions of great love for Christ
  - Willing to sacrifice much