

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Reckless Love

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John 12:1-8 (NLT) Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. ² A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honour. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. ³ Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵ "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." ⁶ Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself. ⁷ Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial." ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.

- **Recognize who Jesus is.**

"I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)

"I am the light of the World" (John 8:13)

"I am the door to salvation" (John 10:9)

"I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11,14)

"I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)

"I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)

"I am the vine, and you are the branches" (John 15:1, 5)

- **React to who He is and what He has done.**

John 3:16 (NLT) For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

- **Do what is Right, Regardless of other's opinions.**

Matthew 6:1-4 (NLT) Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. ² When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. ³ But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

Big idea – The only Response to Jesus is Reckless love and Radical sacrifice.

Mark 12:41-44 (NLT) Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴² Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. ⁴³ Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. ⁴⁴ For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

1 John 4:19 (NLT) We love each other because he loved us first.



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- 2) Read through the “I am” statements. Which one(s) do you most connect with? Which one(s) do you struggle with and why? How would your life be different if you believed these statements from Jesus?
- 3) Read John 12:1-8. What is the **Context** for this passage? Who is the writer and the recipients? Where does this fit in the book as a whole? What are the circumstances?
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- 5) **Meaning:** What are your thoughts about Mary’s actions? What are your thoughts about Judas’ response. When in your life have you acted as Mary did or as Judas did? What is God showing you through this passage?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through John 12:1-8? What area of your life is God calling you to trust Him with in order to respond with reckless love and radical sacrifice?
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