

The Sanhedrin heard about Lazarus' _____ and came up with a plan to _____ and _____ Jesus which fit nicely into God's predetermined plans.

Why do you think there can be two such very different responses to the same facts regarding Jesus?

Mary expressed extravagant _____ and thankfulness to Jesus through her _____ anointing of Him which also had the unintended effect of preparing Him for His _____.

What are some costly things in our lives that we might hold back from honoring the Lord with because of our own wrong motives?

Jesus raising Lazarus was the ultimate proof of His claim to be the life-giver, but it triggered two very different responses. On the one hand, you have the religious leaders who are so blinded by their own political survival that this dead man walking triggered the planning of Jesus' murder. On the other, you have Mary, who was willing to give up anything and everything for a single moment of extravagant worship to Him. The question for us today isn't about what we've done or who we've been—it's about if we are willing to entrust ourselves extravagantly to the only One who offers abundant life, even while the rest of the world calls it a waste.