

JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Mary, The Disciple Who Loved Jesus

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

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‘Mary, The Disciple Who Loved Jesus’”

(John 12:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sun- day we study and apply God’s Word. Three of the most endearing people in Luke’s Gospel are Mary, Martha and Lazarus, who opened their home to Jesus in Bethany, near Jerusalem. Mary is mentioned three times in the Gospels, always at the feet of Jesus, each revealing a unique quality of her heart, expressing:

A. “Lord, I WANT You” (sitting at His feet) (Luke 10:39)

B. “Lord, I NEED You” (falling at His feet) (John 11:32)

C. “Lord, I LOVE You” (bowing at His feet) (John 12:3)

I. We see a love that was deserved

A. Because of the love Jesus personally revealed (Jn. 11:32-36; I John 4:19) B. Because of the life Jesus powerfully restored (Jn. 12:1-2)

II. We see a love that was displayed (Jn. 12:3; Mt. 5:16)

A. She displayed an unlimited love (Jn. 12:3a) B. She displayed an uninhibited love (Jn. 12:3b) C. She displayed an undeniable love (Jn. 12:3c)

III. We see a love that was defended (Jn. 12:4-7)

A. Her actions were criticized (Jn. 12:4-6) B. Her actions were commended (Jn. 12:7)

CONCLUSION

Mary gave Jesus her best, her all! This was her way of saying, “Lord, I love You!” This is the only kind of love Jesus desires and deserves. May we give Him no less, being found “At the Feet of Jesus”, today and always!

-Applying Today’s Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Luke 10:27,
“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.” Read John 12:1-9. Why would Mary have loved Jesus this much (hint: read John 11:17-54)?
2. Jesus raised Mary’s brother, Lazarus, from the dead. Jesus’ powerful, compassionate miracles made the chief priests and Pharisees hate Him even more.
What did Jesus’ opposition decide to do when they found out He had raised Lazarus from the dead (read John 11:47, 53)?
3. What’s the greatest thing God has ever done for you? What’s the greatest thing you’ve ever done in response for Him?
4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:
T F Mary’s gift to Jesus cost one year’s wages.

T F Some thought Mary gave too much to Jesus.

T F Some in today's Bible text were comfortable giving nothing.

T F My reckless love for Jesus sometimes refuses to count the cost.

T F Mary was criticized and accused of poor stewardship.

T F Martha expressed her love for Jesus through humble service.

T F My priority is to avoid criticism.

T F Jesus is worthy of my best, my all.

T F All that I possess is on temporary loan from God.

5. I'd rate my current love for Jesus with an: A B C D F (circle one).

6. When Jesus was in Mary's home, she was overcome with gratitude. She

expressed her gratitude in a tangible way by giving something worth a full year's

wages (perhaps over \$40,000 in our culture?!). Why do you suppose Mary gave

so much? Are you grateful? How is your gratitude expressed? ... Anything like

Mary's gratitude?

7. What did an onlooker think about Mary's gift to Jesus (Jn. 12:5)? What does that

tell you about Mary's heart? Are you concerned about what the onlookers think

or say about the things you do or give to Jesus? Why, or why not?

8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

9. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: