Sermon notes: April 2, 2023

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| **When A Diamond Ring Is Not Enough**  Passage: John 12:1-8. |  |

**Jesus Anointed at Bethany**

**12**Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2**Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. **3**Then Mary took about a pint[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+12%3A1-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26584a)] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

**4**But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, **5**“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+12%3A1-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26586b)]” **6**He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

**7**“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. **8**You will always have the poor among you,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+12%3A1-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26589c)] but you will not always have me.”

**What Mary Did Was Extravagant**

**John 11:20-22 20**When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. **21**“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22**But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

**John 11:29 29**When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

**John 11:32 32**When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

**What Mary Did Was Costly**

**Mark 14:4 4**Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume?

**What Mary Did Was Approved By Jesus**

**Mark 14:9 9**Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

**Application**