

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why were the Jewish leaders so concerned about Jesus?
2. Why did Judas consider it a waste to anoint Jesus' feet with the costly ointment?
3. Why didn't Jesus consider Mary's act a waste?
4. How can we apply the principle of Mary's act to our lives today?
5. How do we honor Christ?
6. What reciprocal promise do we have from the Lord when we honor Him? (1 Samuel 2:30)

### SUMMARY:

The Jewish leaders had for some time been criticizing Jesus. The raising of Lazarus from the dead caused great concern among them. They evidently were afraid that if the people followed Him, their position as leaders of the people would be threatened, so they made plans to kill Him.

In contrast to their attitude was the attitude of Mary as she anointed Jesus' feet. There was no thought in her mind that the use of this costly ointment was a waste. She only wanted to give all the best she had to honor Him. Do we consider Jesus worthy to receive from us our lives laid at His feet, that we may be dedicated to Him and give Him our devotion? May we likewise all fall before Him and be broken that—just as the fragrance of Mary's ointment filled the house—our lives also may emit the sweet aroma of Christ in us.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #12

March 22, 2026

First Quarter

## HONORING CHRIST

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**LESSON TEXT:** John 11:47 through 12:19

**LESSON SETTING:** In Bethany and Jerusalem.

**TIME:** Approximately 33 A.D.

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- I. THE LEADERS' DENUNCIATION.** John 11:47-57
  - A. Convincing Evidence (vs. 47-48) Matthew 15:30; John 3:2
  - B. Their Conspiring to Kill (vs. 53) Luke 22:2-6; John 7:1
- II. MARY'S DEVOTION.** John 12:1-3
  - A. Expression of Devotion (vs. 3) Ruth 1:16; 1 Samuel 18:3-4; Luke 10:39-42
  - B. Giving the Best (vs. 3) Luke 21:4; 2 Corinthians 8:2-3
- III. JUDAS' DECEIT.** John 12:4-8
  - A. Deceit (vs. 5-6) Acts 5:3-4
  - B. Results of Deceit. Matthew 27:3-5; Acts 5:5-10
- IV. THE PEOPLE'S DELIGHT.** John 12:9-19
  - A. Popular with the People (vs. 13) Mark 2:2; 5:24; Luke 4:14-15;
  - B. Pharisees Annoyed (vs. 19)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BLESSED IS THE KING OF ISRAEL THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.* John 12:13

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** John 12:23-36

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Isaiah 53:1-17;  
1 Corinthians 15:35-44

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of God

**TOPIC:** CHRIST EXPLAINS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

**INTRODUCTION:**

Jesus' hour had come. All the events of His life led to this moment when He would glorify the Name of the Father by His suffering and death.

He announced that sentence was being passed upon this world. "Now," He said, "the ruler of this world shall be cast out." (vs. 31 Amplified Bible)

It is difficult to reconcile this statement with the facts of sin and sorrow that have been increasingly manifested in the world since the beginning of time until this very hour, and, indeed, increasing daily. But Jesus said also, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

When the carnal things of this world encroach upon our spiritual lives, we have this refuge—the One who overcame the world. If we really love Him, we will obey Him. And if we obey Him, He and the Father will dwell in our hearts. This is the hope of glory—Christ in us!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Living through giving is a principle of the kingdom of God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *EXCEPT A CORN OF WHEAT FALL INTO THE GROUND AND DIE, IT ABIDETH ALONE; BUT IF IT DIE, IT BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT.*  
John 12:24

The saving of your soul and mind means death to the old life, and the newness of the resurrected life in Christ Jesus.

It is possible to trust Jesus for the salvation of your soul by dying to sin, and then go on to a deeper life of abiding—the consecrated life in which you lay your will on the altar of God and give up your cherished plans, your hopes and dreams, and resolve to live 24 hours a day for Him. This means asking Him every morning what His will is for you this day, and then by His grace and strength, doing it. This entails making yourself a willing servant of all, as Jesus did, and bowing self at His feet, thereby glorifying God. "He that loseth his life shall find it." The amazing thing is that you lose nothing worth keeping, and you gain a life of spiritual abundance and fruitfulness that Jesus came to bestow on us.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 23 – 29**

Mon. Christ's Death Announced. Isaiah 53:1-9  
Tue. Christ's Death Justified. Isaiah 53:10-12  
Wed. \*Christ's Death Explained. John 12:20-30  
Thu. \*Christ's Messiahship Challenged. John 12:31-41  
Fri. Christ's Authority Stated. John 12:42-50  
Sat. Christ's Death Preached. Acts 2:22-33  
Sun. Christ's Death Effective. Hebrews 9:11-22

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