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Family Worship

John 12:1-11

I. Lazarus was a Witness to Christ (v. 1, v. 2, vv. 9-11)

- A. The _____ of Lazarus (v. 1) [John 11; Eph. 2:1-5]
- B. The _____ of Lazarus (v. 2) [Matt. 9:10-11; Rev. 3:20; Isa. 55:1-3]
- C. The _____ of Lazarus (vv. 9-11) [Rom. 1:16]

II. Martha was a Worker for Christ (v. 2)

- A. Martha did become _____ with much serving (Lk. 10:38-40)
- B. Martha did _____ with being anxious and troubled (Lk. 10:41-42)

C. But Martha _____ that Jesus was the Christ and that He was the resurrection and the life (Jn. 11:21-27; Ps. 100:2; 1 Cor. 15:58)

D. And Martha _____ the Lord and that is a good thing (Jn. 12:2; Ps. 100:2; 1 Cor. 15:58)

III. Mary was a Worshipper of Christ (vv. 3-8)

- A. Mary had an extravagant _____ to Jesus (v. 3) [Song 1:12; 4:13; 2 Sam. 24:24; Matt. 26:6-13; Mk. 14:3-9; Lk. 6:38]
- B. Mary was the exact _____ of Judas the thief (vv. 4-6) [1 Tim. 6:10; Matt. 6:24]
- C. Mary did not hesitate to express her _____ while she could (vv. 7-8) [Mk. 12:30; Matt. 26:10, 13; Duet. 15:11; Prov. 10:7; Eccl. 7:1]

TAKE HOME

- Which one of these three — being a witness, being a worker, or being a worshipper — comes more **naturally** for you?
- How can you **encourage** your family to excel in all three of these areas?
- If you were there that day, would you have been more likely to have scolded Mary or **praised** her for her extravagant devotion?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 12:1-2. Briefly review what had happened to Lazarus in John 11. What do you think about the position of Lazarus in verse 2? How does Revelation 3:20 and Isaiah 55:1-3 encourage the position we have with Christ?

2. Read John 12:9-11. What kind of effect did Lazarus have on others? Could you say that you are having a similar effect? How can Romans 1:16 encourage you in this?

3. Read John 12:2 again. What was Martha doing? What is the difference between what we presume Martha to be doing here and what she was doing in Luke 10:38-42?

4. Read John 12:3. Discuss the impact it had on you as you learned more about Mary’s extravagant devotion. How do you think her example could make you more devoted to the Lord?

5. Read John 12:4-6. What was different between Judas and Mary? Have you ever been chided or ridiculed for doing something radical for the Lord? Describe what happened.

6. Read John 12:7-8. What was Jesus’ response to this whole thing? What else do we learn from Mark 26:13? What do you think about this?

7. What are we to think of the poor? How do we balance what Jesus says in these verses with Deuteronomy 15:11?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on this passage?

“When she came to the feet of Jesus, Mary took the place of a slave. When she undid her hair (something Jewish women did not do in public), she humbled herself and laid her glory at His feet.”

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*