



Journey with Jesus

TITLE: THE COST OF LOVE
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SCRIPTURE: JOHN 12: 1-11

OPENING THOUGHT

LOVE ALWAYS COSTS SOMETHING. MARY'S EXTRAVAGANT ACT OF POURING OUT HER MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION ON JESUS' FEET REVEALS THAT DEVOTION TO HIM IS WORTH ANY PRICE. TRUE LOVE RISKS REPUTATION, FACES CRITICISM, AND ULTIMATELY LEAVES A FRAGRANCE THAT LINGERS ETERNALLY.

KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- 2 SAMUEL 6:22 & 24:24
- 1 CORINTHIANS 4:10
- MATTHEW 6:20
- JOHN 12: 3 NLT - THEN MARY TOOK A TWELVE-OUNCE JAR OF EXPENSIVE PERFUME MADE FROM ESSENCE OF NARD, AND SHE ANOINTED JESUS' FEET WITH IT, WIPING HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR. THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH THE FRAGRANCE.

KEY POINTS

- LOVE IS COSTLY—REAL DEVOTION ALWAYS INVOLVES SACRIFICE.
- LOVE RISKS REPUTATION—MARY CHOSE WORSHIP OVER APPEARANCES.
- LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL—TRUE DEVOTION FILLS THE ROOM WITH THE FRAGRANCE OF CHRIST.
- LOVE LEAVES A LEGACY—WHAT WE POUR OUT FOR JESUS LASTS FOR ETERNITY.

5 DISCUSSION QUESTION'S

1. WHEN HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED OR WITNESSED LOVE THAT CAME AT A SIGNIFICANT COST?
2. MARY RISKED HER REPUTATION FOR JESUS. WHAT "RISKS" MIGHT GOD BE ASKING YOU TO TAKE IN DEVOTION TO HIM?
3. JUDAS CRITICIZED MARY'S ACT, WHILE JESUS HONORED IT. HOW CAN WE GUARD AGAINST BEING CRITICAL OF OTHERS' EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH?
4. MARY'S OFFERING BECAME HER LEGACY. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR LEGACY OF LOVE FOR CHRIST TO BE?
5. HOW DOES REMEMBERING JESUS' ULTIMATE SACRIFICE (POURING OUT HIS BLOOD) CHANGE THE WAY YOU VIEW YOUR OWN SACRIFICES FOR HIM?

CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT

MARY'S LOVE WAS COSTLY, RISKY, AND ETERNAL—AND JESUS SAID HER ACT WOULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. IN THE SAME WAY, WHEN YOU POUR OUT YOUR TIME, TREASURE, AND DEVOTION TO HIM, IT IS NEVER WASTED.
LOVE HIM LAVISHLY—HE IS WORTH IT ALL.