

AN ACT OF SACRIFICIAL LOVE
Jesus Anointed at Bethany

John 12:1-11

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Key Verse: 12:24

* MARY AND JUDAS (1-8)

1. When and where did this first event occur? Who was at the dinner party? How was it related to the raising of Lazarus? (11:2)
2. What did Mary do? Why did she do this? Why was the time important? How is her act a reflection of Jesus' pouring out of his life on the cross?
3. Who was Judas Iscariot? What did he say? In what respect do his words sound reasonable? What does the writer reveal about his motives? (Look at Jn 6:67-71) Contrast Judas and Mary.
4. Why did Jesus accept this uncomfortable act of Mary? How did Jesus interpret Mary's action? What did he mean? (see Mk 14:9) What does Jesus teach about himself? About our priorities?

* BELIEF AND UNBELIEF (9-11)

5. See verses 9-11. Why did such a large crowd gather? Why many put their faith in Jesus? What do these verses show about the spiritual condition of the religious leaders?