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John 12:1~11

- ◆ We'll continue in John because there are important things we believe about the Bible:
- ◆ It's inspired on purpose by the Spirit
- ◆ Its Author is the Author of all of life
- ◆ Its ideas/themes can batter down the walls of the worst parts of me to receive every bit of grace it contains

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- ◆ Chapters 1-12 are called, “The book of signs”
- ◆ 7 claims, 7 signs, 7 responses
- ◆ Christ as God's perfect, complete revelation of Himself

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John 12:1

New American Standard Bible

¹ Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

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- ◆ 7 days until the cross
- ◆ Bethany = House of obedience
- ◆ His friends are there and He loves them

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John 12:2

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² So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.

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- ◆ Martha ~ serving everyone
- ◆ What if we followed this example?
- ◆ Lazarus ~ hanging with Jesus and a witness to His power
- ◆ What if we all did this?
- ◆ Mary ~ Bringing attention to Christ

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John 12:3

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. ³ Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

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- ◆ Mary takes a pound of pure "nard"~ What's that!?!?
- ◆ This gift is described in great detail = God's approval
- ◆ It's extravagant and generous and 'over the top'
- ◆ How often do we feel like God gives from His excess and we then give to Him like that?

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- ◆ Give/Serve/Love like Christ is good, Savior, friend
- ◆ What motivates this kind of giving?
- ◆ Love and belief

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John 12:4~6

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⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, *said, ⁵ “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?” ⁶ Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

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- ◆ Judas is lost in himself
- ◆ There's a Judas in every crowd
- ◆ A sign we live in an evil world and no one is immune
- ◆ Are you like Judas?
- ◆ Seeing, hearing, experiencing so much about the Gospel, but living for yourself?
- ◆ You're not fooling God

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John 12:7-8

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⁷ Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. ⁸ For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.”

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- ◆ Sometimes, extravagance is pleasing to God
- ◆ When have you done something for God that was extravagant?
- ◆ This is one of the unbelievable/believable parts of Scripture
- ◆ Who else says that God came to suffer for man?

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- ◆ Who else says you can't earn your way to God?
- ◆ Who can I minister to the way Mary ministered to Jesus, like you won't see them again?
- ◆ Speak thanks and love and gratitude today

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John 12:9~11

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⁹ The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

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- ◆ They're trying to get rid of the evidence (Lazarus!)
- ◆ Lazarus is like, “Bring it on!!”
- ◆ Who/what/where do you need to talk/think/believe like that?
- ◆ Verse 11: Belief ~ coming to Christ isn't a leap into the dark; it's a leap into the light

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- ◆ Which character are you relating to here?
- ◆ Lots of groups, only 2 responses: Come and be and become OR reject and live in darkness

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- ◆ Christ, show me where I can serve extravagantly
- ◆ God, show me where and how I can give extravagantly
- ◆ Spirit, make me what you want me to become

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