

Passion for the Christ

- **John 12:1-3**



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- **¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
John 12:1 ESV**



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- “Six days before the Passover”
 - Passover – the annual feast commemorating the events of Exodus 12 ~ God’s delivery from death of the firstborns and deliverance from Egypt
 - Passover was a detailed, tradition-filled event



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- **This will be Christ's last Passover; He'll become the sacrificed Lamb**
 - **He will deliver God's people from slavery and death by becoming the sacrifice to cause God to "pass over" us**



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- **Jesus is in Bethany; why does He do this?**
- **It's where Mary, Martha & Lazarus lived**
- **The Son of God is near His death (6 days!) and is putting Himself at risk ~ why?**
 - **Because these people were His friends**



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- Does this describe your relationship with Christ?
- Does God enjoy His time with you in your house?
- Numbers 6:25 & Psalm 119:135



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- Martha is serving
- She's serving the Man that raised her brother and serving all
- Do you honor Christ with how you serve Him & others?



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- **²So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at table.**

John 12:2 ESV



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- **Lazarus is reclining, enjoying the experience**
- **He's been raised from the dead!**
- **Do you honor God with how you celebrate life?**



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- ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

John 12:3 ESV



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- **Mary does something that in our culture seems crazy and for that time was shocking**
 - **What is nard?**
- **In some ways, her actions were both revolting & mesmerizing:**



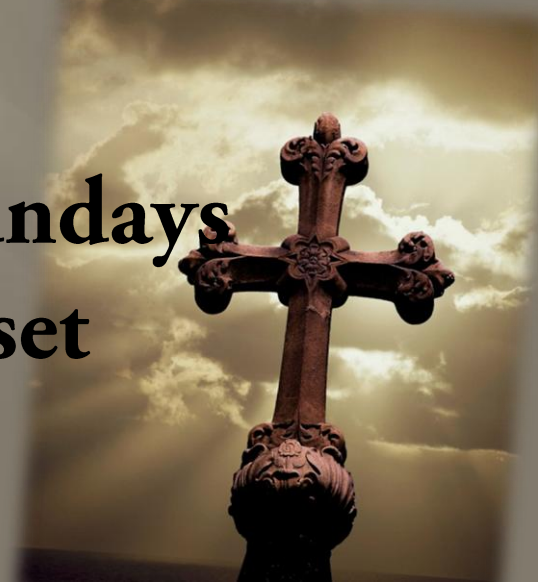
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- I. She ignored cultural taboos in order to be committed to Christ
- II. She assumed the place of a slave
- III. She offered a pure & sincere offering
- IV. She gave a costly offering
(Do you give God your best, or your leftovers or your good?)
- V. Her offering left a sweet fragrance



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- **Why does Mary do this?**
 - **SHEER GRATITUDE**
- **Christ raised her brother from the dead!**
- **That is the source of Christian life & all
worship**
 - **Not crazy worship on Sundays
or in your prayer closet**



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- Living daily at His feet, ready to embarrass yourself and give everything because of His grace
- Living with others who share your devotion
 - Living commitment to Christ in front of others



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- **Scholars agree that Mary has gained an understanding of who Christ is and she's trying to demonstrate that to others**
- **The only response to who Christ is is overt, conscious actions of worship**



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- Are you a friend of God?
- Does He smile when He thinks about you?
- Are you celebrating your new life?
- Are you serving others & Christ?
- Are you radically & persistently & overtly & lavishly worshipping Christ?

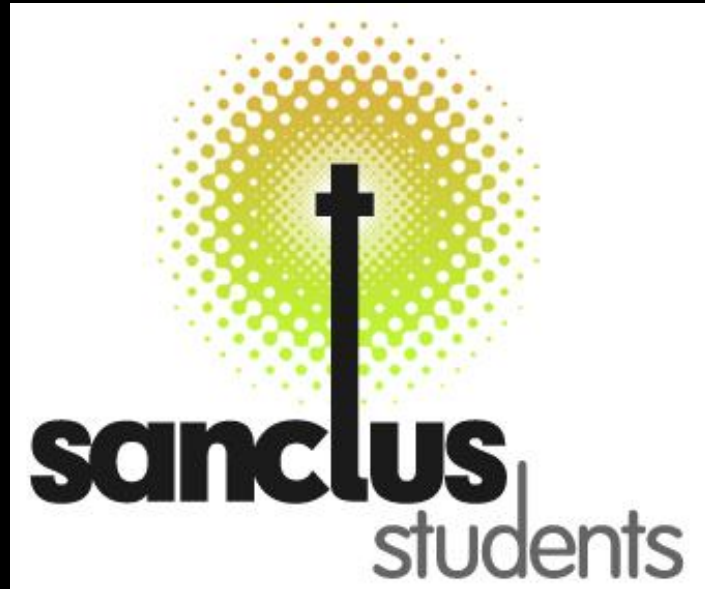


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- **These are your responses to Christ, to His preparations to die & to be resurrected for your sins!**



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For students who will have completed grades 7th – 12th during
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