



## Surprised by Jesus' | Priorities

John 12:1-8 |

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### SUMMARY

As we heard in the sermon, **Mary's act was extravagant by any measure**. Judas was right, "We could have sold this for a lot, and done a lot of things!" He didn't really mean this, but in one sense he was right. **But Jesus counters him saying that Mary's act was preparatory** for Jesus' death and burial. In a little over a week, Jesus will enter Jerusalem for the last time and finish what He started: He will go to the cross and give his life as a sacrificial death for the sins of his people. His shed blood will become the means by which God will "Passover" the lives his people, so He may lead them into a land of new/eternal life. Finally **Mary's act of extravagant devotion is exemplary for all who follow Jesus**. In other words: Jesus' main priority for us is that we value Him above everything.

### READ...

- **Read John 12:1-8** out loud  
(if studying in a group, all but one person should keep their Bibles closed for now).
- **Read SLOWLY**. Line by line if you can.
- **Read as if for the first time.**

### ASK...

1. **What does this passage tell us about God?**  
Tell it plain. Don't be showy, or wordy.
2. **What does this passage tell us about people?**  
Picture the scene/people. What stands out?
3. **What else did you learn from this passage?**  
What **word** comes to mind after reading?  
Why do you think God included this here in the Story?
4. **If you believed this was true, what could be the benefits and how might you apply it to your life?**  
What do you want to do as a result of who Jesus is / what Jesus has done?
5. **What about this passage could you share with someone else, and who might that be?**