



MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS
JOHN 12:1 – 8

REFERENCE SCRIPTURE(S)

Luke 6:41, John 6:70, 71, Luke 7:40-47

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The events of John 12:1-8 took place shortly before Jesus’ crucifixion. A dinner was given in honor of Jesus, who had raised Lazarus from the dead in Bethany. Unsolicited, Mary the sister of Lazarus and Martha anointed the feet of our Christ with very expensive perfume. Judas became critical of Mary’s over-the-top generosity and felt the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus defended Mary’s actions and rebuked Judas by explaining that Mary’s act of anointing Him with perfume was preparation for His burial.

Q & A

1. Why do you think Mary chose to anoint Jesus’ feet with expensive perfume, and what does the act symbolize?

2. How did Judas respond once he observed Mary’s actions toward Jesus?

3. Why was Judas so concerned about what Mary did with perfume that was hers?



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Q & A (CONTINUED)

4. What role does the concept of sacrifice play in the passage, particularly in relation to Mary’s sacrificial act of anointing Jesus’ feet with the expensive perfume?

5. How can you guard against greed in your attitudes and actions?

APPLICATION QUESTION

What sacrifices are you willing to make for the sake of honoring God and serving others?

DISCUSSION/ACTIVITY

WORD OF THE WEEK

“the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”
– Romans 12:8

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Pray our congregation will give generously to the Youth Center and Athletic Field.