

Lesson 79: John 12:1-8

1. Chapter 12 Theme: _____

2. Mary vs. Judas Iscariot:

a. **Read v1-3: Mary's actions reveal three characteristics about a believer:**

- 1) The first characteristic is that a believer _____ Jesus.
 - a) We learned in chapter 3 that God's love for us is defined as _____, and chapter six also taught us that believers must have that same type of love for _____ (Matthew 22:37).
 - b) Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet with the ointment of spikenard is a wonderful example of an _____ because of the _____ and _____ of this substance.
 - 1] Spikenard is highly aromatic oil that is extracted from a root found in the _____ mainly around India and Nepal.
 - 2] It is harvested by _____ the _____ from the spikes and roots of the plant a few drops at a time, so the plant is _____ in the process, which makes it even _____.
 - 3] The perfume had to travel overland to the _____, by sea around the tip of _____ and up the _____, and finally overland again by _____.
 - 4] All these factors resulted in a perfume that sold for _____ or more.
 - a] This was equivalent to a rural worker's _____.
 - b] In today's terms, it would amount to \$_____ to \$_____ dollars.
 - c] Mary spared _____ in showing her love for Jesus. She gave Jesus the _____ that she had to offer.
 - d] How many believers do we know that would be willing to sacrifice a year's worth of their wages in order to show their love for Jesus?
 - 5] What is Mary showing us? (*Read 1 John 4:19*)

- 6] What happens when we make unselfish sacrifices for Him? (*Read* Philippians 4:18)
- 2) The second characteristic is that a believer is not ashamed to _____ Jesus nor is a believer ashamed to _____ that Jesus is the _____ of his/her life.
- a) According to Romans 6:22, believers are “made _____ from sin, and become _____ to God”.
- b) The word “_____” in this verse has the metaphoric meaning of _____ oneself _____ to His _____ and _____ and to make oneself a _____ to Him.
- c) Since household servants or slaves had the duty of taking off the shoes and washing the feet of their masters, what is Mary demonstrating?
- 3) The third characteristic is that a believer bestows upon the Lord the _____ and _____ due Him and gives Him the _____ for whatever glory or honor he/she might possess or achieve.
- a) *Read* 1 Corinthians 11:15.
- b) Mary is using her _____ to bestow _____ and _____ on Jesus.
- c) What is Mary acknowledging by using her hair to clean Jesus’ feet?
- d) What should we always remember? *Read* Jeremiah 9:24.

b. *Read* v4-8: Judas’ actions reveal four characteristics about evil:

- 1) The first characteristic is that evil will _____ to be a _____.
- a) *Read* Matthew 7:15.
- b) *Read* 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.
- 2) The second characteristic is that evil will _____ to _____ about others in order to achieve its purpose.
- a) Why did Judas Iscariot raise the issue over the cost of the spikenard?
- b) *Read* Matthew 23:25-28.

3) The third characteristic is that evil will _____ to _____ or _____ the good works of a believer.

a) The example of Paul - *Read* Acts 13:45, 14:2, 17:5, and 17:13.

b) What does Ephesians 6:11-13 say to us?

4) The fourth characteristic is that evil will one day be _____ from Jesus _____.

a) *Read* v8.

b) *Read* Revelation 20:11-15.

3. Homework: Study John 12:9-11 and identify the next characteristic of a believer and the next characteristic of evil.