

A dinner engagement with Jesus

John 12:1-11

I. An evening of giving thanks John 12:1-3

A. A dinner date with Jesus (1)

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

B. Mary giving thanks through her acts of service (2)

2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

C. Mary giving thanks through her acts of honor (3)

3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

II. An evening exposing Judas' darkness John 12:4-7

A. Judas The disciple (4)

4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

B. Judas' character (5) .

5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

C. Judas rebuked (7)

7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

III. An evening interrupted by seekers John 12:9-11

A. Jews came seeking the truth about Lazarus (9)

9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

B. Jews came seeking to cover up the truth about Lazarus (10,11)

10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

Conclusion

- 1. We are called to humbly worship God in our service.**
- 2. We are the light that exposes the darkness of others.**
- 3. We are on display to the world to see if we are authentic believers.**