

## Encounters

### Part 5-Encountering the Impact of Jesus

#### John 12:1-11

*Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man He had raised from the dead. A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with Him. Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.*

*But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray Him, said, "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself.*

*Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for My burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me."*

*When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see Him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus. John 12:1-11 NLT*

#### Consider the Impact encountering Jesus had on Mary...

1. She **POURED OUT** her most valuable possession.

*Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, John 12:3a NLT*

2. She **HUMBLED** herself in front of everyone there.

*and she anointed Jesus' feet with it...John 12:3b NLT*

3. She **ABANDONED** all social conventions to honor Jesus.

*...wiping His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance. John 12:3c NLT*

#### Contrast this with the Attitude of Judas...

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**Key Point: The time to honor Jesus for the IMPACT He has had on our lives is NOW!**

*Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for My burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me." John 12:7-8 NLT*

**In what ways has Jesus impacted your life?**

**How can you honor Him today?**