

HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

STUDY GUIDE

John 12:1-8

Observation questions

1. In John 12:1-3, who is present at the dinner, what does Mary do for Jesus, and how does her action affect the house?
2. According to John 12:4-6, what objection does Judas raise, and what does John reveal about his true motives?
3. How does Jesus respond to Judas in John 12:7-8, and what does He say about the significance of Mary's gift?
4. What connection is made between Lazarus's resurrection in John 11 and Mary's extravagant worship in John 12?

Interpretation questions

1. What does the message mean by "your inner Judas"? How can resistance to obedience sound like practicality or good stewardship?
2. Why does the message emphasize that Mary would not always have this opportunity to anoint Jesus? What does this teach about responding to God's timing?
3. The message says Mary's gift was not "a down payment" on a future blessing. How does giving out of gratitude differ from giving to get something in return?
4. What does the "fragrance" of Mary's worship represent in the message? How does Pastor Tim's story about buying a car for someone illustrate the lasting impact of generosity?

IGNORE YOUR INNER JUDAS

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Application questions

1. When you consider what Jesus has already done in your life, what fills you with gratitude? How could that gratitude shape your worship and generosity?
2. What does your “inner Judas” sound like when you sense God prompting you to give or serve? What fears or excuses most often keep you from responding?
3. When have you been tempted to judge someone else’s worship or generosity as excessive? How might remembering what Jesus has done for them change your response?
4. Beyond money, how could you be generous with your time or talents this week? Identify a person or need you could serve.
5. Pastor Tim highlights the people who helped remove Lazarus’s grave clothes. Where do you need help from a trusted community, or where could you help someone else move forward?
6. Pastor Tim described continuing to give during a difficult financial season. How do changing circumstances affect your trust in God? What would gratitude look like even without a return to your previous circumstances?
7. Who in your life has a practical need you have been praying about? How might you be part of the answer rather than only asking God to send help?
8. What specific act of generosity or obedience will you take this week to “ignore your inner Judas”? When will you take that step?