

What A Waste

Part of Road to Resurrection

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TODAY: WHAT A WASTE

DO I WORSHIP WITH OPEN HANDS?

John 12:1 Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead.² A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.³ 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.⁴ But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵ "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor."⁶ 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.⁷ Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial.⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

● WORSHIP LOOKS WASTEFUL TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T VALUE JESUS

Romans 12: 1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

2 Samuel 24: 24 But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing." So David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor and the oxen.

Malachi 3: 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

1. WORSHIP IS COSTLY

2. WORSHIP HAS AN AUDIENCE OF ONE

3. WORSHIP IS PROPHETIC

4. WORSHIP CHANGES THE ATMOSPHERE

John 12:3.. The house was filled with the fragrance.

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