

**Devotion to the Savior**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
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**Luke 10**

**John 12**

**Reminder!!!**

**Week of Prayer and Fasting  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Prayer in Room 200**

- **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00-9:45 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

***“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”***

- James 4:8

***“My object here and now will be to stir up the people of God, and especially the members of this church, to abound exceedingly in prayer, more and more to plead with God for the prosperity of His church, and the extension of the Redeemer’s Kingdom.”***

- Charles Spurgeon

**Luke 10:38-42**

**John 11:28-32**

***“Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at the table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.***

- John 12:1-8

*But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, 'Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?' He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, 'Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.'"*

**Devotion: the state of being dedicated or consecrated for a particular purpose**

- *Devotion is a solemn attention to the Supreme Being in worship, a yielding of the heart and affections to God with reverence and piety in prayer and meditation*

*"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."*

- Mark 12:30

**Prayer! Evidence of a life devoted and consecrated to Jesus Christ**

**Mary was sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to Jesus**

- *A compelling example for us. May we humble ourselves, sit at His feet and receive His word gladly as we meditate on it*

**John 11:32 - John records for us the death of Lazarus**

- *Mary once again is found at Christ's feet*

**Mary's humility and faith provide further examples for us**

**John 12:1-8**

**Mark 14:3-9**

**The pouring out of this precious ointment demonstrated Mary's extravagant act of love, affection, and worship.**

***"She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."***

- Mark 14:6-9

- ***Mary desired to be at the feet of Jesus in a posture of humility***
- ***She listened intently to His words as He taught***
- ***Mary placed her faith in the One who holds all things in His hand***
- ***Mary demonstrated extravagant devotion by pouring out the expensive ointment on the feet of the Savior***

***"Jesus Christ loves the world and He loves the church, but there is a special bread He feeds those who love Him in private. There's a divine manna He reserves for those who extravagantly waste themselves in His presence. None of us has an option when it comes to whether or not our lives will be wasted. The only option we have is how we will waste them."***

***All of us will waste our lives either in sin and compromise, passivity and the cares of this life, or we will waste them on Jesus. We can waste our lives on serving the devil, and end up in a flaming trash heap called Hell, or we can waste our lives and our resources on Jesus, as Mary did, laying up treasures in Heaven where moths and rust won't corrupt it, and thieves can't break through and steal it. Oh God, give us grace to live as Mary did."***

***- Author, Mike Bickel***

***"How do you waste your life on Jesus? Easy. It's no secret. Make the decision in your mind, and your heart will catch up. Get in His presence. Reject sin. Cry out to Him in prayer. Lift your soul to Him in worship. Read and meditate on the Word until your heart is filled with the things that fill God's heart. Utterly abandon yourself to Him, for intimacy with God takes time, and there is no substitute for waiting in His presence.***

***Like Mary, choose to forgo some of the less important things going on around you, in order to make more time to cultivate a relationship with Him. Lavishly, extravagantly, pour out your life as a drink offering upon the holy altar of God. Allow yourself to be broken and spilled out for the priceless One whose body was broken, and whose precious life blood was spilled out for you."***

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