

John 12:1-8

The Heart of True Worship

- ◇ **Joh 12:1-8** Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. (2) There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. (3) Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. (4) Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him, (5) Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, 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 bag, and bare what was put therein. (7) Then said Jesus, **Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.** (8) **For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.**

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◇ Mary shows humility.

◇ [1Co 11:15](#) But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given her for a covering.

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Key #2: The heart of false worship is a
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- ◇ [Rom 6:11-13](#) Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. [\(12\)](#) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. [\(13\)](#) Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

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◇ Rom 6:11-13

◇ The problem isn't that Judas has sin, it's that he lets sin have dominion over him.

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Key #3: Discipleship requires a heart of true worship.

◇ Mat 26:10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

Small Group Questions

- Am I saved?
- What is the object of my worship?
- What is my next step?