

HOME GATHERING STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of March 21, 2021

Sermon Series: *The Gospel of John—Loved by Jesus*

Message 21: *John 11:54–12:11—“The Anointed”*



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What is the most extravagant give you've ever given to someone? Was it difficult to give away something of great value? How was the gift received?
- The home of Martha and Mary in Bethany was a place of welcome and refuge for Jesus. Do you have a place that always feels like home?

DIGGING DEEPER

List the three signs that Pastor Philip said indicate we've truly encountered Jesus' glory:

1. The stirring of our _____.
 2. The shattering of our _____.
 3. The satisfying of our _____.
- According to John 12:1, where does this part of the story fall in the timeline leading up to the crucifixion?
 - What thoughts come to mind as you consider the fact that ordinary people—like Martha, Mary, Lazarus, you, and I—can have a friendship with God?
 - When Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, is pictured in Scripture, where is she always located? Read Luke 10:39; John 11:32; and John 12:3. What does Mary's position tell us about her heart for Jesus?
 - What was the value of this “expensive” ointment? Read John 12:5. Remember that a denarius is about one day's wage for the average worker. What is the modern-day value?
 - Is Judas the only disciple that questioned Mary's decision to use this expensive perfume to anoint Jesus? Read Matthew 26:6–9 and Mark 14:3–5.

TAKING IT HOME

- How does this sermon apply to you? What will you do about it?
- How can we give to Jesus and worship Him with the same spirit of Mary's giving and devotion?
- If there was one thing you would be remembered for, what would you want it to be?

PRAYER REQUESTS

