



To Mary, Martha & Lazarus | John 12:1-11

1. Take the opportunity to read John 11 & 12:1-11. Look for ways we are guided to see Jesus as the giver of Eternal Life, a life in all its fullness. Share your thoughts together?
2. John loves to use the number 7. What 7's can you remember in the Gospel of John and discuss why you think he uses this number. Why did John put the raising of Lazarus as the 7th Miracle?
3. What is the significance of the anointing oil in the Bible? If you can, watch the anointing video in the Bible Project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uPNMO-YA5E>
4. Why do you think John points out the fragrance of the anointing oil filling the whole house? Is it just an observation or is he trying to remind us of previous anointings throughout the Bible? Read Exodus 30:22-33 & 1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Samuel 16:13
5. What changes do you notice in the story of Mary anointing Jesus compared to the usual anointing of other people and places in the Bible? Consider the Person anointing, the Place of anointing, the Purpose of the anointing.
6. The threat of death for Lazarus and Jesus hangs over this moment. What threats, great or small, do you observe in the way people, organisations and nations influence our lives? How different is Jesus's Kingdom? How does this motivate you to live a life of love for him?
7. Notice the ways Lazarus, Martha and Mary worship Jesus. One serves, One sits, One sacrifices. Which of these styles of worship do you get drawn towards? Why?
8. In all honesty how would you have reacted to Judas's comments? He makes a "sensible comment" about providing for the poor. Consider Jesus's wise answer.
9. Is Mary's action really a sensible thing to do? Can you describe an action of outrageous generosity you have experienced? What motivated it?
10. In the light of John 12 when Jesus appears at his second coming what do you hope to be doing? Imagine Jesus visibly appearing amongst you now. What will you do?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

