

## John 12<sup>1-11</sup>

# When our priorities are confronted

The extravagant anointing of Jesus by Mary



Children's talk: Who should collect the offering?

### Explanation

Six days before the Passover (12<sup>1-2</sup>)

### The extravagance (on the part of Mary) (12<sup>3</sup>)

The expensive ointment

The anointing of Jesus' feet

The house filled with the fragrance

### The exception (taken by Judas) (12<sup>4-6</sup>)

The waste

The lost opportunity

The hypocrisy

### The exoneration (on the part of Jesus) (12<sup>7-8</sup>)

The perennial problem of the poor )

The anticipation of Jesus' burial

The proclamation throughout the world

### Application

#### Committing extravagance

Being worshippers

#### Critiquing extravagance

Being willing to learn

#### Curtailing extravagance

Being wise stewards



### Questions answered

- What is significant about the timing of this event?
- What was so extravagant about Mary's anointing of Jesus?
- Why did Mary do this extravagant thing?
- Who took exception to this extravagant act?
- What were the reasons for taking exception?
- What was Judas's real reason for taking exception?
- What does this indicate about the state of his heart?
- Why do you think Jesus chose Judas to be one of His disciples?
- In His exoneration of Mary, what did Jesus say about what she had done?
- How would you summarise Jesus' teaching here (& elsewhere) about ministry to the poor?
- What circumstance made things a bit different at this present time?
- What is the connection between Mary's anointing of Jesus here and his later burial?



### Something to pray about (and follow through with)

- Should you be extravagant in any way? In what way?  
What could this look like for you?  
What will it look like for you?
- Should you be critiquing other Christian's extravagance?  
What is the main thing to be on the look out for here?
- Should you be curtailing extravagance in any way? In what way?  
What could this look like for you?  
What will it look like for you?