

Part 5

POURING IT BACK OUT

John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages. " 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

Message notes:

Martha still had the gift of serving, but God has

_____ her how to use it.

When Jesus helps us get our _____ together, it's always so we can pour our _____ back out.

You can't be close to Jesus if you don't learn to be a _____ of Jesus.

We love displays of affection, but we want it to be _____.

Message notes:

When you are in despair and you still pour it out, the Lord is _____ with that.

The hardest thing to cheat is _____.

All the things that she received from Jesus, she poured back _____.

Discussion Questions:

Did you read part of Song of Solomon last week? How did that affect the intimacy of your relationship with Jesus?

How has this series changed your view of worshipping and honoring Jesus?

What does genuine worship look like in your life?

Are there things in your life that you need to cheat? How can we help you stay consistent in this?

What is the value of cheating yourself so that you can worship the Lord?

What does it mean to pour back out the blessings that He has given to you?

Have you got it?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone struggling with performance/religion—feeling like you have to earn the love of God?

Do you feel like you are having a hard time connecting with God in an intimate way?