



John 12:1-11 Responding rightly to Jesus...

1) ...is costly

- What details in Mary's act show that what she does here was costly?
- Why do you think Judas objected so strongly to what Mary does? What do we learn about what he really valued?
- Can you think of a time when you felt the tension between giving Jesus your best and holding back because it feels 'too costly'?

2) ...requires humility

- What does Mary's posture at Jesus' feet communicate about how she saw herself and how she saw Jesus?
- How would that have been seen as shocking then?
- In what ways can we serve Jesus with humility today? Can you think of any examples of what that looks like?

3) ...but is worth it!

- We see here that not everyone appreciates the costly humble service of Jesus. How do you react to the responses of Judas and the chief priests?
- How does Jesus defend what Mary does and what does that tell us about the significance of what she does and why costly and humble service of Jesus is worth it?
- What encouragement do you take from the fact that Jesus notices and values costly devotion?