

SERMON NOTES

Take a Step | John 12:1-8

Main Idea: Taking a step of generosity toward Jesus has an effect on you, others, and the heart of Christ.

1. Her Gift Was _____ to Her [Jn. 12:3, Mk. 14:5]

Mary brought a very **expensive** gift to Jesus. The ointment was worth about a **year's wages**.

A. Love always _____. [Matt. 6:21, Jn. 3:16, 1 Jn. 4:10]

There is always a financial _____ toward any passion in your heart.

B. It Was an Act of Pure Love and _____. [Matt. 26:12, Ps. 16:10]

She would not give what cost her **nothing**. [2 Sam. 24:24]

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving - Greg Corcoran

2. Her Gift Was _____ to Others [Jn. 12:3]

Everyone in the room was _____ by her generosity.

Biblical generosity is described as a **sweet-smelling aroma** to God. [Phil. 4:18]

3. Her Gift Was _____ to Some [Jn. 12:4-6]

Anytime that you are generous and give your best to the Lord, it will be _____ and criticized by someone.

Criticism often comes from those who do the **least**.

4. Her Gift Was _____ to Jesus [Jn. 12:7-8]

Jesus commended Mary and _____ her gift.

The only voice that mattered was the voice of _____.

A. Mary did _____ she could. [Mark 14:8]

God measures giving by proportion, not portion. [Mk. 12:43-44]

B. She did it _____ she could. [Jn. 12:1]

The right time to do the right thing is **right now**. [Jn. 9:4]

The opportunity of a lifetime is only good for the lifetime of the opportunity
- Anonymous