

### John 12:1-12

1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. 3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. 4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. 7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. 8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

### Mark 14:6-9

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. 7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. 8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. 9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

# 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