



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Loving God, Loving People

**The Great I AM
“Adoration or Condemnation?”
John 12:1-11**

Adoration comes from a heart of love (vv.1-3)

Condemnation comes from a heart of hate (vv.4-6)

Adoration’s Priority (vv.7-8)

- **Worship of God is the Priority (7)**

Ro. 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

“Preparing a meal can be worship. Fixing a bicycle can be worship. Balancing your checkbook can be worship. Taking a test in school can be worship. Administering your own business can be worship.” - R. Kent Hughes -

Condemnation’s Purpose (vv. 9-11)

Food For Thought:

The account of Mary’s anointing of her Lord in gratitude of His raising her brother Lazarus, serves as an illustration of real worship of God; in contrast to the evil condemnation and dishonoring of the Lord from others (Judas and the Sanhedrin’s murderous plot).

- 1. How does Jesus interpret Mary’s action? How is his comment in verse 8 applicable to Judas?**
- 2. How is the blindness of the priests shown by their reaction to Lazarus (vv.9-11) ?**
- 3. If you had a year’s salary or time to use for Christ, how would you use it? How might that idea be reflected in your time and treasure today?**

Bible Text
John 12:1-11
(ESV)

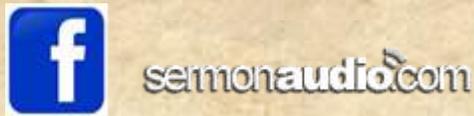
Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. 3 Mary therefore took a pound[a] of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii[b] and given to the poor?” 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it[c] for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

9 When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus[d] was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well,11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)