TEXT: John 11:55-12:11 TITLE: "Mary—Preparation for Burial" (Series: "Jesus' Assistants to the Cross")
* In a delightful atmosphere, Mary's devotion demonstrates Judas' deception and Jesus' destiny!
→ Context in John:
* 9:24Jesus is rejected, considered a sinner.
* 10:7-11, 30-31Clearly makes claims which are misunderstood and the Jews try to stone Him.
* 11:4-53Jesus' seals his miraculous claims with His power to raise the dead, but His fate with the religious rulers is sealed—they want Him dead!
* 11:55-57—Religious leaders want to arrest Jesus—even at the Passover.
* 12:1The final Passover is at hand, Jesus final week is in view.
* 12:12Jesus will soon enter the city to be crucified, but first He is here to be anointed and betrayed!
→ THIS ACCOUNT IS HERE TO PROPEL JESUS EVEN FURTHER TO THE CROSS and to BURIAL!
1. MARY'S ACT OF DEVOTION—  CAME IN A F ATMOSPHERE OF  D12:1-2
A. RENEWED F
1. Lazarus was raised—11:44.
2. Lazarus was restored—12:2
(3. Lazarus was revered—12:9)
(4. Lazarus was resisted—12:10)

B. REFRESHING F—12:2
1. Guests were present.
2. Mary, Martha and Lazarus were present.
3. Jesus and others were present.
2. MARY'S ACT OF DEVOTION— HAD POWERFUL ATTRIBUTES ON D — 12:3
A. DISPLAYED G
B. DEMONSTRATED H & L
<ul> <li>NOTE: "Anointing Jesus' head was an act of honor; anointing His feet was a display of devotion" (NSB 1787).</li> <li>→ See Matt 26:7, Mark 14:3.</li> </ul>
C. DEMOTED S FOR C
D. D THE ATMOSPHERE
3. MARY'S ACT OF DEVOTION— BROUGHT OUT JUDAS' <u>ATTITUDES OF</u> D
A. CONTRADICTORY I
B. CINTERROGATION—12:5
C. C INTENTION—12:6
1. Lack of Care
2. Lowness of Character
3. Lust for Cash—He was a thief!! Held the box but stole from it!!

4. MARY'S ACT OF DEVOTION— EVOKED JESUS' ANSWER OF D —12:7-8  A. K PROHIBITION—12:7a	→ Mark 10:29-30  "So Jesus answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife¹ or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions and in the age to come, eternal life.' "
B. KEEN P	
C. K PRONOUCEMENT—12:8	
→ SEE: DEUTERONOMY 15:11	* NOTES, THOUGHTS, ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS:
APPLICATIONS:	<b>29</b>
1. Have you received the Gift God gave? He gave Jesus on the Cross for your sins!	
2. No gift is too great for Jesus!	
3. When the best is given to Jesus, it may produce a murmur or a memorial.	
4. What is the dearest thing to you—are you willing to give it over to Jesus?	
Future? Career? Children? Money? Talents?	
→ Romans 12:1-2	
"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed	

by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is

that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."