

"Wasting Your Life on Jesus" (John 12:1-8; Mark 14:3-9; Matthew 26:6-13)

I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

- A. Jesus the Good Shepherd
- B. Jesus Ministering in Judea
- C. Jesus returns to the Temple
- D. Jesus Journeys to Jerusalem

- * Do You Love the Lord Jesus Christ?
- * Why do you do what you do for the Lord?
- * What is Jesus worth to you?

I. The Setting: (John 12:1-2)

- A. Jesus is outside Jerusalem in the town of _____
- B. This event occurs _____ before Passover
- C. This meal was held at the house of _____
- D. The folks present at this gathering include _____,
_____ the _____ and perhaps others

II. The ACTIONS of Mary: (12:3)

- A. Mary took a _____ of very costly oil of spikenard, _____ the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her _____
- B. A pound of spikenard equaled _____, meaning it cost the equivalent of _____ for a working man in Jesus' day.
- C. Mark and Matthew tell us that she poured this spikenard on not only His feet but on His _____ as well

III. The **RESPONSE** of Judas and the Disciples: (John 12:4-6)

- A. Judas and the other disciples _____ Mary's actions
- B. Principle to Note: You can expect to be _____ at times, and even _____ by others, even fellow-believers, in your service to the Lord.

IV. The **REBUKE** and **EXPLANATION** from Jesus: (John 12:7-8)

* Jesus responds to His disciples includes the following statements:

Let her alone.
Why do you trouble her?
She has done a good work for me.
She has done what she could.
You will always have the poor with you.
And whenever you wish you may do them good;
You will not always have me with you.
For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

* What does this mean to you?