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SEE HIM HIGHER SO THAT YOU LIVE HIGHER

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ¹But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

John 12:1-8 (NIV)

He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

John 12:1-8 (NIV)

Extravagant Worship

Jesus Deserves Extravagant Worship

Extravagant Worship is:

- 1. Costly
- 2. Selfless
- 3. Fragrant

Extravagant Worship is Costly

Then Mary took about **a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume**; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair.

John 12:3 (NIV)

Extravagant Worship is Costly

"Love is not love if it nicely calculates the cost. It gives its all and its only regret is that it has not more to give."

- William Barclay

Extravagant Worship is Costly

There are three types of offerings in the New Testament:

- 1. Tithe: Obedient Worship (Malachi 3:10; Luke 11:42)
- 2. Offering: Overflow Worship
- 3. Extravagant Worship: Very Costly Worship

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Worship becomes extravagant through fresh revelation.

- 1. Sitting & Learning: **[Martha] had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.
 - Luke 10:39 (NIV)
- 2. **Kneeling & Weeping**: ³² ... [Mary] fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." John 11:32 (NIV)
- 3. **Kneeling & Worshipping**: ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3 (NIV)

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