

I. Honored - John 12:1-3

1. Six days before the Passover (**verse 1**)
 - A. Bethany
 - B. Lazarus was there
 - C. Matthew and Mark say it was two days before Passover (Mt. 26:2; Mark 14:1)
2. Lazarus
 - the same one who was raised from the dead
- Rea
 - says two things
 - A. He is not some other Lazarus
 - B. He is still alive
 - the city of his hometown
3. They made a supper (**verse 2**)
 - Martha served
 - Lazarus at the table
 - Simon was there - the same one who was healed of leprosy
4. Mary anointed the feet of Jesus (**verse 3**)
 - A. Uses a "pound" of spikenard
 - B. A large amount - extravagant
 - C. The house was filled with the odor
 - D. Then, wiped His feet

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Obviously Mary did not "count the cost" - why not?
2. Compare the "honor" of Simon and Lazarus and Mary and Martha
3. I don't think that Mary even "thought" about it - she just did it

II. Questioned - John 12:5-8

1. Judas Iscariot questioned (**verse 4**)
 - identified as the "Judas" which later betrayed Him
2. Is his question reasonable? (**Verse 5**)
 - Rea
 - I think so
 - this could have been given to the poor
- Rea
 - sounds like a comment that might be made at a Baptist business meeting
3. The reason of Judas question is reported in **verse 6** - he was a thief
 - he "cared not" for the poor
4. Let her alone (**verse 7**)
 - A. Jesus takes Mary's side in this issue
 - B. For my burial
 - C. The ointment was costly
- Rea
 - 5. Mary looks back and thanks Jesus (honors Him) for raising her brother
 - Jesus looks forward to His burial
6. You'll always have the poor (**verse 8**)
 - His death takes priority because it is near
7. Jesus affirmed Mary's heart worship of Him
 - Rea
 - can you tell who loves Jesus? - how?

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. It's interesting isn't it - what we deem as ok to spend and what we don't
2. Satan had influenced Judas to say this and to betray Jesus later
3. Judas was asked to be an apostle - did Jesus not know this?
 -He did... discuss

III. Division - John 12:9-11

1. A large group comes to see Jesus AND Lazarus (**verse 9**)
 -His fame had spread
- Rea -His wonders draw a crowd - but does that save these people who came to "see?"
2. Chief priests (**verse 10**)
 -plan was to execute Lazarus as well
- Rea -he is a witness to the power of Jesus - so they are destroying the evidence
3. They felt they needed to do something because many were believing because of him
 (Lazarus) (**verse 11**)
- Rea 4. Look at the contrast
 - A. The chief priests plot to kill
 - B. Jesus followers "honor" Him
5. Many of the Jews believed on Him
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. What motivated
 - Judas to betray?
 - Chief priests to kill?
 2. Jesus actions spoke for themselves - they spoke volumes
 - our Christianity (actions) should speak for themselves
 3. So... Jesus was raised from the dead
 - but, before that Jesus raised others from the dead
 - therefore, death is no impediment to Jesus

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