

# JESUS

## ENCOUNTERS

*Stories of restoration & transformation*

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# MARY OF BETHANY: FRAGRANT EXTRAVAGANCE

## THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

### ■ Portrait #1: Single-minded Attention

Mary's attention was fixed upon Jesus; sitting at His feet, listening with single-minded devotion.

### ■ Portrait #2: Whole-hearted Affection

Mary's affection deeply moved Jesus; as she fell at His feet and poured out her soul in whole-hearted devotion.

### ■ Portrait #3: Unqualified Devotion

Mary's actions proved that she was willing to go all-in for Jesus, kneeling at his feet in unqualified devotion.

## LET'S TALK

1. What stood out for you the most from this week's message?
2. What are your most prized earthly possessions?
3. Read John 8:1-8.  
The perfume Mary uses to anoint Jesus was worth the equivalent of \$90,000 today. How do you think the disciples responded to this act of worship? What do their responses tell us about them?
4. What do you think compelled Mary to offer up her most prized possession as a costly act of worship to Jesus?
5. Do you think worship always has a cost? Why or why not? What does the cost tell us about the worshipper?
6. What are some ways you've experienced the love and blessing of God in your life?
7. What would it look like for you to offer up "costly" worship to Jesus this week in response to what he's done for you?

**LET'S PRAY:** Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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