

Jesus is Worthy
Six Reactions to Jesus
John 12:1-11

1. A Resolve to Serve (John 12:1-2) Martha served. We see a closer look at both sisters in Luke 10:38-42 and John chapter 11. Martha was the servant, who became upset that Mary wasn't helping her. Mary on the other hand sees the value of listening to Jesus instead of working. Martha in the previous text is upset with Jesus because he allowed her brother, Lazarus to die. Here Martha is serving. A great reaction to the worthiness of Jesus is to serve. Paul recorded this in Philippians 2:3-4 ***“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*** May we respond to Jesus with a resolve to serve!

2. A Repentant Submission (John 12:3) Mary sacrificed to submit the very best she had to give to Christ. This should be our same attitude. We may not have a lot, but when we surrender ourselves to Christ, we are giving Him everything. I'm so grateful for His sacrifice on the cross that I want to repent from my sins and give him my life. A pound of ointment described in the text would have cost a year's wage. Normally, something this extravagant would have been used for burial. We are to react to Jesus with repentant submission.

3. A Resentful Selfishness (John 12:4-6) Judas didn't believe, but was selfish in his thought to gain profit from selling the expensive perfume. Of course, Jesus warns us of wolves in sheep's clothing. Jesus knew Judas' heart. Listen to John 3:20-21 ***“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”*** We must fight this reaction at all cost. We must run from self-centered religion and cling to a Christ-centered relationship with him. People will often look at our decisions to serve Christ, it's counter cultural, and see that it offers little on this side of eternity that is tangible, but oh the retirement plan is amazing, with Christ in Heaven!

4. A Reminder of His Sacrifice (John 12:7-8) Jesus being clear that one day He would depart, go to the cross, be buried, resurrect from the dead, and ascend into Heaven as portrayed in Acts 1. The reminder of His loving sacrifice keeps me going and I hope it keeps you going as well. Listen to Romans 8:18 ***“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”*** The sacrifice that He made on the cross is a great reminder of His great and mighty love! May our reaction to Christ be of His loving sacrifice to us!

5. A Rejection of the Savior (John 12:9-10) Remember this is the testimony of Paul. He once wanted to rid the world of Christians. There will be those who reject the Savior, yet through the power of the gospel, many who hear will come to Christ!

6. A Rejoicing in Salvation (John 12:11) In this context the religious leaders wanted to kill both Christ and Lazarus because many were coming to faith in Jesus as a result of Lazarus being raised from the dead. May we rejoice in salvation, so greatly, that when trials come, we respond that Jesus is worth it! 1 Peter 4:12-13 ***“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”***