

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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John 12:1-11

1. What was happening when this story begins?
 - a. It was six days before the Passover.
 - b. Jesus was in Bethany, where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived.
 - c. There was a dinner in Jesus' honor.
 - d. Martha was serving.
 - e. Lazarus was at the table.

2. What did Mary do? _____

3. What did people think about this?
 - a. We don't know how everybody else reacted, but Judas was very upset.
 - b. Judas thought that this perfume could have been used more wisely.
 - c. Perhaps there were others who thought that this was wasteful, but didn't say it out loud.
 - d. Matthew (26:6-13) and Mark (14:3-9) suggest that there were other disciples and those present who were upset with her about this.
 - e. Luke (10:38-42) tells a story about Jesus in Mary and Martha's home when Martha was upset at Mary for sitting at Jesus' feet instead of serving, so perhaps she thought this was wasteful too, but wasn't going to say it!

4. Why did Judas respond as he did, according to John? _____

5. Does it ever seem wasteful to spend time with Jesus or give things to him and his kingdom?
Yes_____ No_____ Why might we think this way? _____

6. What did Jesus say?
 - a. Leave her alone.
 - b. It was intended for her to save the perfume until now.
 - c. She is preparing me for my burial.
 - d. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.

7. Was Jesus telling people not to give to the poor? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. Do you have to see the result of your giving or serving in order to feel like it is the right thing to do? _____
