

Sunday Sermon Questions • 2/23/2025

EXPECTANT *Stories of Legends & Legacies of Faith*

Mary's Heart for Worship – Mary's act of pouring out expensive perfume on Jesus was an extravagant act of worship. How does her example challenge our understanding of worship? In what ways can we demonstrate sacrificial worship in our own lives?

The Cost of Worship – In 2 Samuel 24:24, David says, I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing. How does this connect to Mary's actions in John 12? What does it mean or what might it look like for us to offer Jesus worship that is costly?

Obedience vs. Worship – The sermon emphasizes moving beyond obedience to giving as an act of worship. What is the difference between giving out of duty and giving out of love? How can we develop a heart like Mary's that sees generosity as worship?

Judas Objection and Hidden Motives –
Judas criticizes Mary's act of worship, claiming the money could have been used for the poor. Jesus defends Mary's actions. How do people today try to justify withholding from God with seemingly good reasons? How can we guard our hearts from attitudes like Judas (having a greedy mindset)?

Giving Our Best to the Lord – The sermon asks us to reflect on whether we are giving God our first and best in our time, talent, and treasure. What are some practical ways we can prioritize God in these areas? Are there areas in our lives where we tend to give God only what is left over?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, thank You for all that You have done for me. Just as Mary poured out her best for You, help me to develop a heart that desires to worship You with everything I have my time, my talents, and my treasure. Show me where I have been holding back and give me the courage to trust You fully. May my giving be an act of worship, not just obligation. Teach me to love You with my actions, not just my words. Help me to see the opportunities You've placed before me to serve and honor You. In Jesus name, Amen.