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## What are you giving in your worship?

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Turn to Matthew 26. We want to talk about some events here that were taking place right prior to Jesus going to the cross. If He will help me tonight, we want to talk about those things. There is one thought that got me to thinking about this the last few days. You hear a lot about a lot of different things about people wasting this or that. This is what got me thinking about this thought maybe. Anyways, the Bible says this.

**Matthew 26:6** Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

**Matthew 26:7** There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.

**Matthew 26:8** But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

**Matthew 26:9** For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

**Matthew 26:10** When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, **Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.**

**Matthew 26:11** **For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.**

**Matthew 26:12** **For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.**

**Matthew 26:13** **Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.**

**Matthew 26:14** Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

In this story there are three people that I want you to think about just a little bit. One of them is Jesus. One of them is Mary. One of them is Judas. They play an important part in this story, as do some others. As you read the Bible, you will find out that this particular event is also recorded in Mark and John. When you read the accounts of all three writers when they spoke about this event, we know that this event was happening on Saturday before Jesus is going to die on Friday. In other words, six days—actually what it says in the book of John, chapter 12—these events are happening six days before Passover. The Saturday before that Jesus was going to go to the cross, this event was taking place. This event was happening in Bethany.

Bethany is a town about 2 miles from Jerusalem. It is a town that Jesus spent some time in. We know that He was good friends with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. We know that. We know He spent some time there. We know also, that was in Bethany that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. This is part of this family. We also know that since it is six days before Passover, there were thousands of people, coming into Jerusalem. They were coming there to worship. They were commanded to come there

and worship. During this time, no doubt, they could have been around Passover day. There could have been—I'm going to say—several hundred thousand people in the city of Jerusalem.

As you read a little bit, you will find out that Bethany was a city that when Jerusalem that when Jerusalem got full and people did not have anywhere to stay in Jerusalem at this time; then they would go out into the city of Bethany to be able to stay there.

This story is a story about love. It is a story about devotion and dedication. It is a story about how one person really loved the Lord. It is about someone giving something very costly in their worship unto the Lord. Something that was worth in their day and time; it was worth 300 pennies, or demerits, or however you want to say that word. It was worth 300 days wages. A man would make a penny one day for a day's work. This offering that this lady was going to offer and did offer was worth 300 days of work. One offering. That is a lot of money. Don't you think? That is a lot of money to be able to give. She is doing this in love. She is doing this out of love. She was doing it because she loved the Lord. She was doing it because she knew some things. She saw some things.

I hope we get to see some things. I hope that we live in a way that we get to see some things. What I mean by seeing some things; seeing some things about the Lord and what He is doing and being able to allow Him to reveal His truth unto us. Allowing Him to give us discernment on making the right path and going the right path and make the right decisions... He will do that if we will listen to Him.

The Bible says He is in the house of Simon the leper. I don't know anything about Simon the leper, nor do you. The scripture doesn't tell us. evidently, from what I gather, Simon is related to Mary, Marth and Lazarus in some way. I don't know—if you read the theologians they will give you all kinds of guestimates and opinions. I could give you mine and it really doesn't mean anything because there is no scripture to back it up. There is no doubt in my mind, since he is in here in this house and since Mary, Martha and Lazarus are here; then there is no doubt in my mind that they all live in the same place. This is the same house. They are some way related. That really doesn't matter.

There is no doubt in my mind that Simon used to be a leper because Jesus and the Jewish people, especially the Jewish people that is coming out to see Jesus and see Lazarus would not have come into a house where a leper that is in full blown leprosy would have been. They would not have been there. So, in my thinking—this is only my thinking—somewhere along the line this guy has come up with Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ has healed him of his leprosy. That is a good story. You know. That is a good story. Do you know that. Anyways, he used to be a leper but he isn't any more.

I used to be a sinner. I am still yet a sinner but I am saved today. Truth. God changes things. God changes people. God changes how we think, what we do, where we go. Could you imagine this family, just three years, or three and a half years before? I don't

know what they were doing. I don't know all the things that was going on in their lives. There is no doubt in my mind that this family was a good family. This family worshiped the God of heaven. They probably did not understand a lot of different things. However, Jesus Christ came along and He changed everything. Isn't that great!

Isn't that great when we examine our lives and examine where we used to be and where we were going and the road that we were on and how we had no hope. We were doomed. We were damned. Yet, Jesus came along and rescued us from a lake of fire. We should be thankful for that.

The Bible says this. Here He is in the house of Simon the leper. The Bible tells us there was a woman that came...

**Matthew 26:7** There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.

When you read the other two accounts, you will find out that this woman is Mary. It is the same Mary that you read in the scriptures about setting at the feet of Jesus. As Jesus teaches, you will read in the other accounts, you will read about this Mary, this same woman, sitting and listening to the Words of Jesus Christ.

Listen. I'm going to say something here and I want you to get this. This is a very important part of this lesson. I told you we were going to talk about Jesus, Judas, and Mary; but I also want to mention Lazarus and Martha. These people had a tremendous testimony that they loved the God of heaven. They loved Jesus Christ. Look what happens.

If you read the story here, Jesus comes to the house of Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Simon. He comes here. We know that Martha is cooking. When you read John 12, we will know and you will read that Martha is the one that is doing the serving. Amen! You will read that. You will also read that Lazarus is there. Truth? Lazarus doesn't say anything but he is there. He is going to do something here and we are going to talk about in a minute—I'm getting way ahead of my lesson here—but he is going to do something here and never say a word. He is going to change a bunch of people's lives and never say a word.

Look what happens. She comes behind Him. When you read all three accounts, here is Mary having an alabaster box of perfume. It is worth 300 days wages and she comes and opens the bottle. She opens the box. Not only does she pour it on His head but if you read the other accounts; she pours it on His feet. That is in the story. That is the book. That is the Bible. As you read the accounts, she anoints His head and she anoints His feet. The Bible says she takes her hair and she wipes His feet.

Here is a woman. In that society, I don't know if you ever did much studying about that or not, but there are some things here that women didn't do. They did not sit and talk to men. They did not take their hair down.

Many years ago, I'm talking about 50 or 60 years ago, most of your old ladies, your senior ladies; do you know what they did? They had hair this long but they would wrap it up and put it in a bun on her head. Amen! You usually never saw the women have their hair down, unless they were going to bed, unless they were washing it.

In Israel at this time, you never saw a woman with her hair down. It was considered to be immoral if a lady would unwrap her head in public; it was considered to be immoral and they just didn't do it. Here is a woman sitting at the feet of Jesus. She has anointed His head. She has anointed His feet. Here is she is unrolling her hair and now she is taking her hair and wiping His feet.

Do you know what she did not care about? First thing. She did not care about what people thought about her. She did not care about all the hundreds of people that may have been around, the people that were in the house. I don't know how many but I know there were 17 in there. I can read about that. I don't know how many more were in there. She wasn't worried about what they thought. She wanted and she was sitting at the feet of Jesus. She had anointed His head. She had anointed His feet. She was taking her hair and wiping this perfume that she had anointed Him with, this oil off of His feet. As you read the other accounts, do you know what you will find? The odor, the smell of this perfume fills the whole place. Sweet smelling stuff. I don't know what it smelled like for sure. It would have been sweet smelling, very expensive perfume. It fills the whole place. The whole place is filled with the scent or with the smell of this ointment.

There is a lot to say about worshiping God. There is a lot to say about offerings and sweet offerings, and things like that and burning incense to God. Amen! If you read the book it is in there.

This lady, she did not care about what people thought. She brought in my mind, she brought the most precious thing that she had and she is going to give it to Jesus. Amen! The most precious thing that this lady had—I don't know. I had this thought in my mind today. She may have had this for a long time. She may have had to work for a long time to save up the money to be able to buy this box. I don't know where it came from but I do know it was worth a lot of money. Do you know what it meant to her compared to the worship of the Lord? Absolutely nothing. She was taking the very best, the most precious thing that she had and she was taking and using it to worship the Lord. She was bringing that and giving the very best she had. She wasn't worrying about what it cost. She wasn't worrying about what the men and the rest of the gang had to say. She had one thing in mind. She wanted to look into the face of Jesus and listen to His words. She wanted to anoint Him.

There was a reason for that. There was a reason that Mary was doing what she was doing. It wasn't...I don't think it was something that she just was sitting around while she was drinking coffee and think hey I will do this. I think it is something she knew was going to take place. She has sat and listened to Jesus—get this, I want to say

something here. The more you sit and look into this book, the more you will know about Jesus. Amen! If you don't ever read this Bible, you are not going to know much about Jesus Christ. If the only Bible you hear read is what you hear read when you come here then you are not going to know much about Jesus Christ. However, the more you sit and listen to His Word the more discernment that you are going to have, the more understanding you are going to have about Him, the more understanding you are going to have about what He is doing here on planet earth and what He is doing in your life. The more you sit and listen to Him, look into His face and look at His Word the more discernment you are going to have. Do you know why? Because He gives us and He enlightens us. He touches our understanding. The more we are acquainted with Him, the more we listen to Him then He reveals His truth unto us and what He is doing. We are His servants. He is our master. Do you know what He takes pleasure in doing? He takes pleasure in revealing unto us what He is doing and what He is going to do. He will do that—No, I don't understand it all. I understand very little. However, it is good to know what He is doing in your life. It is good to know what He plans on doing. Amen!

I may not be here tomorrow, but I know God is doing some things. I know that God is going to do some things. Whether I am here or not here. God has a plan for this community. Amen! He is going to do that. It is good to know that.

She is sitting here. She didn't crawl under the table here. When they ate, they sat in a circle. They reclined on the floor. They did not have a table like we have today. They reclined upon the floor. They sort of sat around in a circle and the food would be in the middle of them. They reclined on one arm and that is how they ate. That makes sense that she would be able to anoint His head and anoint His feet because normally, usually their feet would be behind them. Amen!

Here she is bringing the very best she has got to come to worship the Lord. She is doing that because she loves the Lord. She loves Him.

I'll ask you a question tonight—just something to think about. What do you bring Him? What does it cost you in your worship to God? When you come to worship Him, what do you bring? In your worship, in your dedication, in your Christian life, as you live for Jesus Christ; what does it cost you? What do you give Him?

We give our tithes and offerings and that is great. We are commanded to do that. What does it cost you? What are you bringing? Do you bring that because you are commanded to do that, or do you bring that out of love and worship to Him?

She is bringing and giving the very best she has here. It was something very precious because she loves Him. She is coming to worship Him.

**Matthew 26:8** But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

Get that. "When the disciples saw it..." when you read the other accounts, you will find out that Judas was the one that starts the conversation. He is the one that brings up the

objection. Here are twelve disciples, men that Jesus has called, men that He has called to follow Him, men that has seen Him do some outstanding, marvelous things, men that has listened to His voice, men that have heard Him say many different times; "I'm going to go to Jerusalem. I'm going to be condemned. I'm going to die. They are going to kill me. In three days, I'm going to raise again." They had heard that on many different occasions, but it didn't sink in. They didn't get it. There was a little woman in the crowd though; she got it. I'm going to talk about that in a minute.

It is Judas that brings up the objection. Get this. Judas was the treasurer for the band. The Bible says he bore the bag. Do you know what that means? He carried the bag around or box around. When you read that word in the Greek and Hebrew, it was some kind of a bag that they carried their money in and it didn't really matter what it was for sure. He carried the bag. He carried the money for the little group. Judas was one of the twelve. Judas was one of them that Jesus Christ himself called. He is one of them that He gave power to cast out unclean spirits. The Bible says that. Judas is the one that Jesus either appointed or allowed to be appointed to be the treasurer. Judas is the one that Jesus Christ knew from the beginning was a devil. That is the Bible. Isn't it?

I thought today, here we got a woman that is worshiping Him, giving something that is very valuable. Then here we have a fellow that is not concerned about worship, not concerned about praising the Lord, not concerned about exalting Jesus. He is worried about what is going into the bag. He is worrying about...the Bible says, he bore the bag and he bore what went in the bag and he was a thief. What that means is that he was the treasurer but he was also stealing from it. amen! He was always helping himself. When they got a few extra dollars, he would help himself to that.

I thought today and yesterday and a few days; you will never read in here until Judas is gone whether the other eleven disciples ever understood Judas true character. You will not read it in there. You will not see anywhere where any of the other eleven disciples ever questioned Judas and about his loyalty, and his faithfulness to Jesus. You will never read it in the scriptures. I would say if we would have talked to the other eleven before Judas leaves here and goes to the chief priests and begins to talk to them and even after that. They would have told us that this guy is like us. He is part of us. He is one of the twelve. Jesus called him. He is a disciple. He is an apostle. He is a good dude. He might be a little different but he is a good dude. He may stir up some trouble every now and then but he is a good dude. Judas is the one, when you look at Judas' life and most generally the rackets that were happening between the disciples; Judas was the instigator of those things. If you would have talked to these guys I don't think you would have got anybody to say anything negative about Judas. They did not see it. I think it shows us spiritual immaturity and I get it, that they didn't see what this guy's true character really was. Jesus did. He knew who he was.

Do you know what Jesus was doing? I thought about this today. He was giving this guy a chance. Even though this guy was the devil. Even though this guy had no love for Jesus. He had no concern about Jesus. He did not want to worship Jesus. He did not

care anything about that. Jesus Christ was giving this guy chance after chance...to repent. Day after day, for three years and a half, or close to that; Jesus gives Judas opportunity. Judas I'm going to give you this job as treasurer. Judas follows. Instead of Judas following, listening and repenting and following Jesus and loving Jesus; he blew the opportunity. In the worst way, he blew it. He saw Jesus walk on water. He saw Jesus raise the dead. He saw Jesus cure blinded eyes. He saw all of that but he didn't touch him. You will not read in the scriptures where Judas ever healed anybody, although he probably did. He had the power. Just because you can heal somebody does not mean you are sent from Almighty God. Think about that one for a while. Amen!

When you read in the last days, do you know what the enemy is going to be able to do? He is going to be able to call fire down from heaven right in sight of men. Amen! Miracles don't prove you are saved. That kind of miracle.

Here Judas is. He starts a racket. He says, "What is going on here? To what purpose is this waste?"

**Matthew 26:8** But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

"What are you doing? This is worth a year's wages. What are you doing? Why are you wasting this?" When you read the scripture, do you know what happens? The other eleven jumps the band wagon. They jump right in with him. They start casting the same thing in the teeth of Mary that Judas did.

I've said here many times before. You had better watch on whose side you get on, because the side you jump to may be the side that is going down. Amen!

Here these guys were, again, Judas is making a complaint. He is saying this a waste. The other eleven jumps right on and starts casting the same thing.

*Indignation* means they were mad. They were upset here that someone was worshiping Jesus Christ with something very valuable.

Listen. If you are going to do anything for God, and you are truly going to worship God and you are going to do something that is going to bring glory to God—count on this and write it down. There is going to be somebody and there are going to be a whole bunch of people that aren't going to like it. If you think you are going to worship God and bring glory to God and God is going to bless you and use you to lead many souls to the Lord and everything is going to be rosy in your life; you are wrong. There are going to be issues and problems. There are going to be people who won't like what you are doing. When you worship God and give God your best—the greatest thing we have to give God is this; it is not my money, it is my time. It is me. That is what God wants. He wants us to worship Him, freely from our hearts and our lives. Sure, our giving of money is a great part of our worship. You show me somebody that doesn't give

anything to Lord's work in money; I'll show you somebody that doesn't love the Lord very much. No amen's on that. That's okay. That's truth.

Here this woman is. She is worshiping and giving. Judas stirs up a racket with the disciples. "To what purpose is this waste?" The other disciples jump in. They start the same thing.

**Matthew 26:9** For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

"Could not this ointment had been sold and we could have taken the money and we could have given it to the poor." That sounds good. Doesn't it? It was a lie. A lot of things that people says sounds good. It drawls people over to get on their side sometimes, but it is just lies. Listening to the wrong voice. Listening to the wrong voice, listening to the voices we hear in our head and so many times we pick the wrong one to listen to.

Here he is, Judas. The other eleven are causing all kinds of issues. Do you know what Jesus does? He puts a stop to it quick. Amen! Isn't it great how He can stop things?

I thought about Ananias and Sapphira. They had a big plan. Didn't they? They really had a big plan. They sold their piece of property. You know the story. The disciples and people were selling their property and bringing the money and laying it down at the Apostles feet. The Apostles were taking it and distributing it to people in need. Ananias and Sapphira sold their property and come and said, "Hey, this is what we sold it for" but all along they were lying. They sold it for more than what they said. Do you remember the story? Do you know what happened to Ananias? Peter asked Ananias, "Did you sell the property for this much money?" Ananias said, "Yep, sure did." Ananias falls over dead. Do you know what happens? They did not lament over him. They did not blow any trumpets and sing any sad songs. Some young men came in and picked him up and took him out and dug a hole then put him in the ground. Amen! The Lord put a stop to that real quick. Not only that but in a space of a few hours, his wife comes in. She came in before Peter. Peter said, "Hey, did you sell the property for so much?" Sapphira said, "Yep, sure did." Do you know what he said to her? "The feet of them that carried your husband are also going to carry you out of here." She was gone. Do you know what happened to her? She died. Do you know what they did? The same guys that carried out her husband took her out and buried her beside of her husband. Do you know what happens? The Bible says that great fear fell upon everybody. Amen! That got people's attention. Amen!

Jesus has a way to put a stop to things. He is a very longsuffering God. He is a God that will go the extra mile, extra ten miles, extra hundred miles with people. However, there comes a time when things stop. There comes a time when grace no longer is fitting, grace is no longer suitable. The Lord will put a stop to that as He did with Ananias and Sapphira.

Jesus saw what was going on. He saw the racket that was happening and no doubt the words that were being said. He said, let me tell you something guys. Hold on a minute.

**Matthew 26:10** When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, **Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.**

Do you know what He actually says? “Guys, lay off. What this lady has done, she has done a good work unto me. She has brought something that was very valuable, something that meant so much to her. She has come. She has come in love, devotion and dedication. She has come. She has done this to me, in worship of me. Let her alone.” He can put people in their place. Do you know that?

**Matthew 26:11** **For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.**

You know this story. You know this thought. You know this message. Do you know what Jesus said? “Guys, you are going to have the poor with you. They are going to be around but I am not going to be here. I am getting ready—in six days, I’m going to die. If what you are going to do for me, you had better do it now because I am getting ready to leave here.” Do you know what she did? She sees an opportunity that was never going to happen again for her to be able to worship Jesus Christ in a very special way. Giving Him something very precious to her, something very valuable to her; she took this and used it to worship Him. She seized an opportunity. She wasn’t going to get it again. The poor is always going to be around, but He wasn’t.

I think sometimes we miss so many opportunities on worshiping Him. Sometimes it is at home. Sometimes it is at our work. Sometimes when we are going down the road. Sometimes it is at church here. I think we miss so many opportunities in worshiping Him. We think other things are important. I’m not saying that other things are not important. However, the most important part in your life today, if you are a Christian, is the worship you offer Him. I’m going to tell you something guys. I want you to remember this, if you don’t remember anything else that I have told you tonight. Your life is not going to work. You are going to be miserable. You may come to church. You may go to work. The cupboards may be full. You may have cars, TV’s and all kinds of stuff, but if Jesus Christ and the worship of Jesus Christ is not first in your life, all the other stuff that you have is going to be a problem for you. It is going to be a burden to you. Do you know who you are going to be like? You are going to be like Judas.

You are going to be around Jesus and people that does religious things. You are going to see some things happen. You might even participate. You might do a lot of different things. However, when you read about Judas, he was a very bitter fellow. He wasn’t happy. There wasn’t nothing happy about him. He ate, slept, walked, and went with Jesus for three years or so—three and a half years. It didn’t make him happy. Do you know why it didn’t make him happy? Because he didn’t put Jesus first in his life. He was there. He saw. He participated, but it didn’t change him any. You will read about Judas speaking two times in the Bible. Once is right here. “What is the purpose of this waste?” The next time you hear him is after—in Matthew 27, I believe—where he comes walking back in from the chief priests, scribes and elders. He brings in the thirty pieces of silver that they have given him to betray Jesus. He brings it in and he throws it down and says, “I have betrayed innocent blood.” And he leaves. That is all you will

ever hear of Judas ever saying. The Bible says then, when you read the story, do you know what Judas does? He goes out and hangs himself. Amen!

Jesus said, "You have said enough. Let this woman alone. What she has done, she loves me. She is worshiping me. What she has done, she is doing a good work."

Worshiping God and giving God something very valuable from our lives is a good work. That is what Jesus is saying. If your stuff that you have and your time is more important to you than it is worshiping God, then you need to work on that a little bit.

Listen. Stuff is great, if it is in the right place. It is great to have stuff, as long as stuff doesn't have you. Amen! I have seen people who didn't have two quarters to rub together, who were some of the most miserable people that you ever saw. Amen! They were in love with what they had even though they didn't have anything. They were in love with it. I have seen some people worth millions who were very free with it. It didn't really mean anything to them. They have and are using it for the glory of God. It seems like the more they give away, the more God blesses them. That is the way it works. Isn't it? That is really what God gives us stuff to do, is to use it to glorify Him.

**Matthew 26:12** For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.

Amen! Mary knew something that the other 12 didn't know. The others sitting in the crowd didn't have any idea. No doubt, but all the people that were there. The 12 disciples and everybody else; Mary knew something that they didn't know. Mary had looked in His face. Mary had looked in His eyes. Mary had set and listened to His Words. Mary could see on His face that something was going to happen.

If you are around people for very long and you talk to people very much, when you see them and you see the expression on their face or maybe their tones, or their words; do you know what you can know? You can know something is wrong, if you had been around them much, and if you talked to them much. You can tell by the tone, the way they look, the expression on their face, their countenance that something is wrong.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mary knew that Jesus had been preaching about dying on a cross. Mary knew it was Passover. Mary knew that it was time for Jesus to die.

Listen. Do we get that close? Do we look into His face? Do we look into His eyes? Can we see what is going on and all that He went through? Does it touch us? Does it do anything for us at all? I hope it does. Mary understood. Mary understood that Jesus was about to die and she anointed His body.

Do you know what you won't read? Get this. You will not read about Mary being at the tomb. A different Mary. You won't read about her going to the tomb. Do you know why? She already has that taken care of. There isn't no use for me to go there. I have already done what I need to do.

Listen. Get this. I have seen right here in our own county, our own town, people stand at the casket, children and grandchildren, husbands and wives, stand at the casket and make all kinds of apologies. They say I'm sorry. I shouldn't have done that. You were right. I was wrong. Do you know what? It doesn't do any good then.

Do you know what Mary did? She gave Jesus—the old saying is—the roses while He was alive. Amen!

Here is what happens. All kinds of people came out. Some came to hear Jesus, but do you know what you will find out here when you read the account? Some people came to see Lazarus. That is in the Bible. Read it. Some people came to see the guy that Jesus had raised from the dead. You will not read where Lazarus says a word. You won't read that. You won't read in there where Lazarus says not one thing. Get this. Lazarus had a testimony. Lazarus had a testimony. Do you know why? Because Jesus had done something in his life. The whole town of Jerusalem and Bethany knew it. They came out to see the guy that had been raised from the dead. The Bible says that many of the Jews when they came out, when they saw Lazarus was actually alive, they believed and followed Jesus. Amen!

Get this. The chief priests and scribes not only were they talking and discussing about killing Jesus, when you read the Bible do you know what you will find out? They were also contemplating killing Lazarus also. Amen! If he just comes out here and doesn't say anything and everybody knows he was dead and is alive and people are following Jesus because of this guy, then we will just kill this guy and it will be over. He had a testimony. He didn't say a word. He had a testimony because of what Jesus did in his life.

Let me ask you a question. When you sit at your desk at work, when you go to the grocery store, when you are going down the road in your car, wherever you are at; do you have a testimony? Do you have a testimony? Can people see that Jesus has done something in your life? Amen!

Get this. Martha was a worker. She had a testimony that she was a worker. Amen! When you read the scripture, she is working. Thank God for people that wants to work. Amen! Thank God for people who wants to work. We can work as we worship the God of heaven. Listen. God doesn't call lazy people. People who won't hit a lick at a snake, God won't call you to do anything. I'm not saying you won't go to heaven. I'm just saying God won't call you to use you here. He calls people that are going to work.

Lazarus had a testimony. Martha had a testimony that she was a worker. Mary had a testimony and left a testimony that she is a worshiper. Amen!

Jesus said, "From now on wherever this gospel is preached, wherever this story is told, it is going to be told as a memorial as to what this lady has done for me."

**Matthew 26:13** Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for*

a memorial of her.

“Six days before I am going to die, she anoints me for my burial.” We are talking about this 2,000 years later. A story of a worshiper anointing Jesus for His burial. She gave and brought something very precious and very costly, something that meant a lot to her in her worship to God. What you offer God, does it mean anything to you? What you offer God, does it cost you anything? Amen! A pretty good thought. Don't you think? These guys had a testimony.

If you need to pray, this would be a great time for you to pray. It would be a great time for you to call on the Lord, the God of heaven. Do you know what He will do? He will change your life. If you are not saved tonight, you don't have any hope tonight. You have no hope whatsoever. Do you know what Jesus can do? He can give you hope tonight. He can give you a reason to live. He can give you a purpose to live. If you don't know Him tonight, come. Wherever you are listening to me tonight, find a safe place to pray. Ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sin. Do you know what He will do? He will cleanse you. He will give you something to do. He will give you a testimony that He has done something in your life. He will make you a worshiper. Amen!

Come and pray—