

Demonstrations of Love & Hate
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John 12:1-11 Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. 3 Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." 9 When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The Place of Love and Devotion (Verses 1-3)

The occasion of honor.

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

Leviticus 13:45 & 46 "The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' 46 He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

Romans 12:10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

Ephesians 1:13 & 14 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

1 Corinthians 6:19 & 20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

The honor of service.

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Romans 12:6-8 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae,

1 Timothy 3:13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 23:11 & 12 The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 22:27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Matthew 20:27 & 28 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The expression of love.

Luke 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

Luke 10:42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

2 Samuel 24:24 But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

Matthew 26:7 a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.

1 Corinthians 11:15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

John 13:4 & 5 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Revelation 8:4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

2 Corinthians 2:15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,

The Attack of Hate and Bitterness (Verses 4-8)

The cover of hypocrisy.

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

Matthew 26:8 & 9 And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? 9 For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor."

Mark 14:4 There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that?"

The response of Jesus.

Luke 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

Luke 24:45-47 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Mark 14:8 & 9 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. 9 And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Growing Curiosity and Loathing (Verses 9-11)

What the crowd seeks.

John 1:40 & 41 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

John 12:20 & 21 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

What the enemies do.

Psalms 76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt.

Acts 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.