

TEXT: John 11:55-12:11

TITLE: "Mary—Preparation for Burial"

(Series: "Jesus' Assistants to the Cross")

*** In a delightful atmosphere, Mary's devotion demonstrates Judas' deception and Jesus' destiny!**

→ Context in John:

*** 9:24--Jesus is rejected, considered a sinner.**

*** 10:7-11, 30-31--Clearly makes claims which are misunderstood and the Jews try to stone Him.**

*** 11:4-53--Jesus' seals his miraculous claims with His power to raise the dead, but His fate with the religious rulers is sealed—they want Him dead!**

*** 11:55-57—Religious leaders want to arrest Jesus—even at the Passover.**

*** 12:1--The final Passover is at hand, Jesus final week is in view.**

*** 12:12--Jesus will soon enter the city to be crucified, but first He is here to be anointed and betrayed!**

→ THIS ACCOUNT IS HERE TO PROPEL JESUS EVEN FURTHER TO THE CROSS and to BURIAL!

1. MARY'S ACT OF DEVOTION—

CAME IN A F_____ ATMOSPHERE OF D_____—12:1-2

A. RENEWED F_____—12:1

1. Lazarus was raised—11:44.

2. Lazarus was restored—12:2

(3. Lazarus was revered—12:9)

(4. Lazarus was resisted—12:10)

B. REFRESHING F_____—12:2

1. Guests were present.

2. Mary, Martha and Lazarus were present.

3. Jesus and others were present.

2. MARY'S ACT OF DEVOTION—

HAD POWERFUL ATTRIBUTES ON D_____—12:3

A. DISPLAYED G_____

B. DEMONSTRATED H_____ & L_____

→ NOTE: "Anointing Jesus' head was an act of honor; anointing His feet was a display of devotion" (NSB 1787).

→ See Matt 26:7, Mark 14:3.

C. DEMOTED S_____ FOR C_____

D. D_____ THE ATMOSPHERE

3. MARY'S ACT OF DEVOTION—

BROUGHT OUT JUDAS' ATTITUDES OF D_____—12:4-6

A. CONTRADICTION I_____—12:4

B. C_____ INTERROGATION—12:5

C. C_____ INTENTION—12:6

1. Lack of Care

2. Lowness of Character

3. Lust for Cash—He was a thief!! Held the box but stole from it!!

