

*Extravagant Grace*

**John 12:1-8**

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What do our lives actually reveal about how we view God?

Worship is Expensive

Do you spend yourself in worship?

Worship is Lavish

Do you totally give yourself to worship?

Worship is Shameful

Are you humble in worship?

Worship is Wasteful

Do you come to worship in complete surrender?

## Jesus Entrusts His Treasure to Thieves

We worship the God who pours out His love to the world through the Cross of Christ, and uses us, even in our brokenness, to be his message-bearers of Grace.

Where are we grasping?

Where are we pouring out?

Where are we absorbed with ourselves?

Where are we so absorbed with Jesus?

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## John 12:1-8 English Standard Version (ESV)

### Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

**12** Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. <sup>3</sup> Mary therefore took a pound<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii<sup>2</sup> and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it<sup>3</sup> for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

### Footnotes:

1. [John 12:3](#) Greek *litra*; a *litra* (or Roman pound) was equal to about 11 1/2 ounces or 327 grams
2. [John 12:5](#) A *denarius* was a day's wage for a laborer
3. [John 12:7](#) Or *Leave her alone; she intended to keep it*

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