



THE G O S P E L O F J O H N

**John 12:1–8 (CSB)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>So they gave a dinner for him there; Martha was serving them, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him.

<sup>3</sup>Then Mary took a pound of perfume, pure and expensive nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. So the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>Then one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot (who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>He didn't say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the money-bag and would steal part of what was put in it.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, “Leave her alone; she has kept it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

“It is a beautiful thing when the worth of Jesus and the love of his followers match.”

~John Piper