

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: March 24, 2021
Fulfilled - John 12:1-11

1. What was happening when this story begins, according to 12:1-2?
 - a. It was six days before the Passover.
 - b. Jesus was in Bethany, where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived.
 - c. There was a dinner in Jesus' honor.
 - d. Martha was serving.
 - e. Lazarus was at the table.

2. What did Mary do, according to 12:3? _____

3. What did people think about this?
 - a. We don't know how everybody else reacted but, according to 12:4-5, Judas was very upset.
 - b. Judas thought that this perfume could have been used more wisely.
 - c. Perhaps there were others who thought that this was wasteful, but didn't say it out loud.
 - d. Matthew (26:6-13) and Mark (14:3-9) suggest that there were other disciples and those present who were upset with her about this.
 - e. Luke (10:38-42) tells a story about Jesus in Mary and Martha's home when Martha was upset at Mary for sitting at Jesus' feet instead of serving, so perhaps she thought this was wasteful too, but wasn't going to say it!

4. Why did Judas respond as he did, according to John 12:6?
 - a. He just loved the poor and was committed to giving his life for others.
 - b. He was a good bookkeeper and saw it as his duty to keep the pastor and everybody else conservative in their spending.
 - c. He was selfish and a thief. He was out for his own benefit and didn't care about moral principles or doing what is right at all but he was really good at using them to get what he wanted and make his arguments sound valid.

5. Does it ever seem wasteful to spend time with Jesus or give things to him and his kingdom?
Yes_____ No_____ Why might we think this way? _____

6. How did Jesus respond to all of this, according to 12:7-8?
 - a. He told them to "leave her alone."
 - b. He told them that it was intended for her to save the perfume until now.
 - c. He told them that she was preparing me for his burial.
 - d. He said they would always have the poor among you, but they would not always have him.

7. Was Jesus telling people not to give to the poor? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. Do you have to see the result of your giving or serving in order to feel like it is the right thing to do? _____