

BLOOD AND THUNDER – 1 THUNDERSTRUCK

thunderstruck: to be so astonished that you are amazed with silence.

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

²There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. ³Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

⁴But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

⁵"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

⁶This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. ⁷But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

⁸For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." John 12:1–8 NKJV

TAKEAWAY TRUTHS OF MARY'S GIFT

1) SHE GAVE WHAT SHE COULD.

"She has done what she could. ..." Mark 14:8 NKJV

2) SHE GAVE WHILE SHE COULD.

"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." John 9:4 NKJV

3) SHE RECEIVED MORE THAN SHE GAVE.

"Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." Matthew 26:13 NKJV

... [Mary] wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. John 12:3 NKJV

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TALK IT OVER

What has really stayed with you from this message?

Have you ever given what felt like more than you could give? Share a story. What happened?

Pastor Levi talked about how Mary gave while she could. What could you be giving to God and others now?

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