INTRODUCTION

Just six days before the Passover, Jesus attended a dinner party in Bethany. There, Mary anointed Jesus with very expensive perfume, her actions depicting much more than she ever intended. In contrast to the religious leaders who wanted Jesus dead, she anointed Him with great care and honor. But Jesus saw it as much more. He declared that her loving actions were actually a pre-preparation for His burial, which brings John’s readers face to face with the reality of His death for sinners.

Setting the Scene: vv. 11:55-12:3

Serving the Savior: v. 12:3

A Self-Serving Response: vv. 12:4-6

The Savior’s Explanation: vv. 12:7,8

The Same Result: vv. 12:9-11

“She has done what she could; she has anointed My body in advance for burial. I assure you: Wherever the Gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.” Mark 14:8,9
REFLECT | JOHN 11:55-12:11
John is winding down his gospel in these last few chapters as Jesus makes His way to the cross. How are you doing in your personal alignment with John’s purpose for writing his gospel as stated in John 20: 30-31? Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the promised “He” of Genesis 3:15, the Son of God? How has John’s gospel helped you see this? What passages help demonstrate this reality to you? Are you proving your belief to be real through the way you live your life? Are you demonstrating your love for God through obedience to Him? In what ways?

MEMORIZE | 1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-25
"Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

STUDY | 1 JOHN 5:1-3
How do you demonstrate honor and love for Jesus in your daily life? How does keeping God’s commandments demonstrate your love for Him? How do you help others honor Him first and foremost in their life? How should our honor and adoration spill out in works of love and compassion to those around you? Why is it necessary to understand that our love for others should flow out of a love for God? What happens when we don’t?

SHARE
Tell someone your testimony this week. Use realities from the Scriptures that opened your eyes to see your need for a savior.

PRAY
Take some time and go to prayer for some of the needs in our congregation. Go to: gracebaptist.org/prayer to see the requests. Feel free to submit a prayer request of your own as well.

If you have any questions or need additional resources, email Pastor David: david.hegg@gracebaptist.org