



# Our Heart of Worship

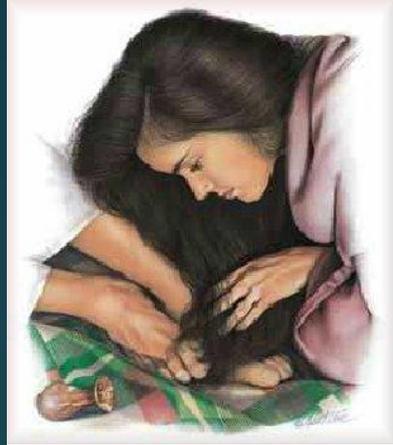
JOHN 12:1-8

# They Showed Their Love (v.2)

- ▶ All three of them **loved Jesus deeply**, but each of them showed their love to God in different ways: (i.e. love languages)
- ▶ Martha showed her love by **serving** Jesus (acts of services)
- ▶ Lazarus showed his love by **dining** (reclining) with Jesus (quality time)
- ▶ We usually show our love to each other with the love language that we **appreciate** and want in **return**
- ▶ Many of us approach God in a similar fashion...



# Mary Was Unique in Her Worship (v.3)



- ▶ Mary showed her love with her **tears**—sincere appreciation beyond words
- ▶ She showed her love at Jesus' **feet**—quality devotion
- ▶ She showed her love with the **expensive oil**—price beyond measure
- ▶ She showed her love by washing Jesus' feet with **her hair**—humble service beyond compare
- ▶ She showed her love by **holding** onto Jesus' feet—desire to be as near as Jesus as possible

# Her Worship and Her Heart

- ▶ This is **worship** and devotion above anything in the scripture. It transcended her own comfort level, experience, love languages, and even social norm
- ▶ Her heart adored Jesus and wanted to show that appreciation to Jesus in the best way she knew
- ▶ In essence, it is all about her **heart** (Deu. 6:5)
- ▶ Many of us approach God and worship God in different ways. In the end, the heart is what God sees (v. 7-8)



# Judas' Heart



- ▶ Judas (v.4-6) disagreed however, and He is not **alone**
- ▶ Sadly this culture is in today's churches too (Prov. 16:2)
- ▶ We judge others because our heart is on **something else** other than Jesus (i.e. money for Judas) (Jam. 2:4)
- ▶ God **cares** for Mary's heart, not how much she had spent or not spent on a bottle of oil. (1 Sam. 16:7)
- ▶ What will our churches be like we If we also focus on what Jesus was focused on (i.e. heart)



# Our Heart and Our Worship



- ▶ Often others will see only your **actions**, but God sees your heart. What does God see in your heart today?
- ▶ Is your worship solely based on what you desire from God, or based on your appreciation & love for God?
- ▶ How do you **approach** God? When? Why? Please be totally honest with yourselves (John 4:24, 1 John 1:8)
- ▶ (Psalm 139:23-24) Will you **search** your heart and let God do the same to you?

