

Making a Scene – Uninhibited Love for God

John 12:1-11

Introduction

To be seen or not to be seen?

Inhibitions about being seen

Criticism

The Text

3 Takeaway Points

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Wednesday Discussion

John 12:1-11

1. Please tell us about an embarrassing moment that you have had.
2. How do you feel about having attention directed toward you?
3. Have you ever had an experience in which you were totally lost or caught up in the moment with no thought or care about anything else around? What kind of things can bring about that experience?
4. Why do you think John includes details about what Martha and Lazarus were doing?
5. Knowing other details about Martha and Mary (Lu 10, Matt 26), describe their differences in personality and priorities?
6. Put yourself into the account and soak in the details. Do you think you could have acted like Mary? What drove her to do this?
7. Does Judas care about the poor? Supported from the text, why or why not?
8. Considering Judas real beliefs, why would Jesus reply with verse 8?
9. Why does Jesus defend and bless Mary for this act?
10. Why do the leaders want to kill Lazarus also?
11. Does Mary's act and the existence of Lazarus as evidence of God's work teach you anything about being noticed for Jesus?
12. Does this account teach you anything about being quick to criticize?