

WHAT DOES TRUE DEVOTION TO CHRIST LOOK LIKE?

Worship or waste, devotion or emotion? Mary's example.

Matthew 26:1-13

- I. **THE SCENE IS SET: Jesus predicts His imminent death, while the religious leaders plot to kill Him (1-5, 14-16)**
 - A. Jesus reveals to His disciples, He will be delivered up to crucifixion on Passover (1-2)

 - B. The religious leaders plot to kill Jesus after the feast (3-5)

- II. **A FLASHBACK REVEALING MARY'S TRUE DEVOTION TO CHRIST: In contrast to true wickedness, Matthew give an example of true devotion (6-13)**
 - A. **TRUE DEVOTION TO CHRIST IS FILLED WITH GRATITUDE:** Mary, prompted by thankfulness, anoints Jesus (6-7, John 12)

 - B. **TRUE DEVOTION TO CHRIST OVERFLOWING WITH GENEROSITY:** Mary, prompted by thankfulness, anoints Jesus with costly perfume (6-7. Mark 14)

 - C. **TRUE DEVOTION TO CHRIST IS OFTEN CRITICIZED BY THOSE IN THE CHURCH:** The disciple's indignant and wrong response: "...why this waste? "Yet, Jesus reprovess and corrects His disciples (8-11, Luke 10:40)

 - D. **TRUE DEVOTION IS BASED UPON AN UNDERSTANDING OF HIS TRUTH TAUGHT:** Jesus praises Mary for her good deed based upon a true understanding of what He has taught (10-12, Luke 10:39, 42)

 - E. **MARY'S DEVOTION IS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL:** Jesus declares Mary's deed will be declared wherever His Word is preached (13)