

*Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

**Jesus Defends Those Who Honor Him**

*John 12:1-8*

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- I. **The one who honors Jesus displays faith** (vv.1-3).
  - a. How is Jesus being honored at this dinner?
  - b. Why does a person that has faith in Jesus honor him?
  - c. What is the purpose of John pointing out the value of the perfume?
- II. **The one who exalts self displays dead faith** (vv.4-6).
  - a. Why is Judas trying to stop Mary from honoring Jesus?
  - b. How does John know Judas's true intentions?
  - c. James talks about the difference between faith and dead faith (James 2:14-26). Does Judas have faith or dead faith?
- III. **Jesus defends those who honor him** (vv.7-8).
  - a. What is the reason for Jesus defending Mary's actions in using expensive perfume for what seems to be a normal dinner?
  - b. Why does Jesus connect Mary's act to his future death and burial?
  - c. Do works apart from faith in Jesus please God? In the book of Hebrews in chapter 11:6, the author says, "...and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who approaches him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." How does this scripture help us understand Judas Iscariot's priorities of faith and works? Was Judas pleasing to God for his thoughts of wanting to care for the poor?
- IV. **Application**
  - a. What is honor?
  - b. Can a person honor Jesus without faith?
  - c. Give an example of how a Christian can honor Jesus.
  - d. How will you make it a point to honor Jesus this week?