



The Course To Calvary

John 12:1-29

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John 11 Recap

- **25 - Jesus proclaims his divinity and gives us path to salvation.**
- **26 - Jesus asks Martha to make a profession of faith**



John 11 Recap

- **35 - In the same moment when Jesus proclaims His divinity, He also shows his humanity.**
- **44 - Jesus foreshadows His own resurrection and shows He holds the power over death.**



John 11 Recap

- **50 - Caiphas the high priest prophesies that Jesus' death will bring save all nations.**
- **54 – Jesus and his disciples go into hiding until the Passover**



John 11 Recap

- **57 – The Pharisees begin seeking someone to betray Jesus**



¹Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.



³ Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him said,



5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?” **6** Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.



⁷ Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. ⁸ For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.” ⁹ The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only,



but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.



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Mary – Worshipped sacrificially and gave everything she had to serve Him



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**Mary's Anointing
Foreshadows
Jesus's Death
And Burial**



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12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.”



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