

THE GOSPEL STORY  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – Good News for a Change  
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**John 12:1-11**

Notice there are four dynamics at work in this passage that reveal the hearts of those present.

**1. Various Relationships (vv.1-3)**

- Lazarus, he sat
- Martha, she served
- Mary, at the feet of Jesus

**2. Treacherous Discipleship (vv.4-6)**

- Judas Iscariot
  - His name is synonymous with treachery
  - He says Mary's gift is too extravagant

**3. Godly Stewardship (vv.7-8)**

- Jesus affirms Mary
- Jesus rebukes Judas

**4. Wicked Censorship (vv.9-11)**

- Resurrection of Lazarus was headline news
  - The crowds gathered
- Chief Priests plot to assassinate Lazarus
  - Lazarus is living evidence of the power of Jesus...get rid of the evidence.

**Questions for Thought and Conversation**

- How can we honor Jesus with our lives like Mary in the story?
- If Jesus came to your house, what gift would you give him?