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Willful Giving: Worship Or Waste

A Thankful, Sacrificial And Deliberate Love And Commitment

John 12:1-8 - Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. ² So they hosted a dinner for Jesus there. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of expensive perfume, made of pure nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray Him, asked, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ Judas did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. As keeper of the money bag, he used to take from what was put into it. ⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "She has kept this perfume in preparation for the day of My burial. ⁸ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have Me."

She Wouldn't Give To The Lord That Which Cost Her Nothing

1. Mary Took The Place Of A Slave.
2. She Humbled Herself And Laid Her Glory At His Feet.

1 Corinthians 11:15 - *And isn't long hair a woman's pride and joy? For it has been given to her as a covering.*

3. She Was Misunderstood And Criticized.

The Disciples Were Shocked At Mary's Action; They Saw Her Worship As Wasteful

Mary Gave The Very Best She Had

There Has To Remain Room For Spirit-Filled Generosity And Response

What Appears To Be Squander May Bring Jesus The Greatest Joy

Mary's Unselfish Act Would Be Remembered Forever

Nothing Given To Jesus In Love Is Ever Wasted

- 1. The House Was Filled With A Beautiful Fragrance.**