

### **“House Filled With Worship”**

*Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. St. John 12:3*

#### **Insight Into The Word: Mary’s Worship**

It would have required a whole year’s wages to purchase this perfume. And look at Mary’s posture. Warren Wiersbe puts it this way: “When she came to the feet of Jesus, Mary *took the place of a slave*. When she undid her hair (something Jewish women did not do in public), she humbled herself and laid her glory at Jesus’ feet. Of course, she was misunderstood and criticized, but this is what usually happens when somebody gives his or her best to The LORD.”<sup>[1]</sup>

- **Mary’s act of worship was public.** She did it in spite of what others might say or think. She worshiped in spite of what it would look like to others. Her worship was on display. It was monitored, investigated, and criticized, but she worshiped anyway because her worship was for Jesus alone.
- **Her act of worship was personal.** It was between her and The LORD. It was designed to please just one person. It was only for Jesus’ enjoyment and honor. Her heart was only on what He thought, not the world.
- **Her act of worship was priceless.** This perfume was worth a year of a common laborer’s wages, and it was sealed in an alabaster jar. Once this was broken, its contents had to be used immediately. Her anointing of Jesus represents a major sacrifice and indicates the depth of her love. She gave her best and her all in a sacrificial offering to Jesus.

Like Mary, our worship ought to be priceless and the absolute best we can give. Our worship should give glory to God, personal for your soul, and priceless. He is deserving of our best for He has given us Jesus. Give Him the best you can!

#### **Thought to Ponder:**

*What can you learn from Mary’s act of worship?*