

THEN TOOK MARY

JOHN 12:1-13

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Introduction:

After the Lord had raised Lazarus from the dead things began to happen. Notice with me.

1. CELEBRATION (VS 2)

(John 12:2) "There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him."

- A. They were happy to have Lazarus back.
- B. They were honored to have the Lord as their guest.

2. COMMITTED (VS. 3)

(John 12:3) "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment."

A. Her attention was not on Lazarus or Martha, but was on the Lord.

B. Knew what was important.

3. CRITICAL (VSS. 4-7)

(John 12:4-7) "Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, {5} Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? {6} This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. {7} Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this."

Often those that are not doing anything become critical of those that are doing things.

4. CURIOUS (VS. 9)

(John 12:9) "Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake

only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead."

A. When that Lord begins to move people will want to know what is going on.

5. CONVICTED (VSS. 10-11)

(John 12:10-11) "But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; {11} Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus."

A. Often when the Lord begins to work some will be convicted.

Close: We too need to be committed.