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Mary Anoints Jesus

1. (v. 12:1) Cf. (refer to) Mark 14:1. How might six days and two days be reconciled?

Where was Jesus staying prior to this? (Cf. John 11:54)

Why do you or do you not think this event followed immediately after chapter 11? (Compare 12:1 with 12:9)

2. (v. 12:2) Compare Mark 14 and Matthew 26 with this passage. Are they describing the same event?

Cf. Luke 7:36-50. What evidence suggests this is or is not the same event as in John 12?

How are Martha's actions here (John 12) consistent with her actions in Luke 10:38-40?

3. (v. 12:3) What might Mary have meant to communicate by this extravagant gesture? (Cf 12:5 the "nard" was worth a year's earnings.)

4. (v. 12:4-6) What several things do we learn about Judas from verses 4-6?

How can building a Worship Center be reconciled with the unmet needs of the poor?

5. (v. 12:7-8) In what way was this "the day" of Jesus' burial? (Remember that just as with our English language, the word "day" could be quite broadly defined depending on the context.)

How do you reconcile the statement in verse 28 with Matthew 25:40 where Jesus says that serving the poor is serving him?

What does Jesus' response teach us about worship?

6. (v. 12:9-11) What evidence do these verses give that Lazarus was actually raised from the grave?

Why were the chief priests planning to kill Lazarus as well as Jesus?

