

REASONABLE SACRIFICE

John 12.1-11 // March 14, 2021

PROPORTIONATE WORSHIP

Pure spikenard was often used for burial ceremony and honor. Bodies would be anointed with oils, perfumes, and spices upon their interment.

- One pound would be 11 or 12 fluid ounces, the size of a soda can.
- One denarii was a day's wage, so 300 denarii would be a year's wage.

Romans 12.1 // Luke 7.41-47

Some translations have "acceptable worship" in **Romans 12.1** as "reasonable service." When we understand who we are in the depth of our sin, and we understand who Christ is in the height of His glory, our "reasonable service" is to be a living sacrifice, pouring out all we have for Him.

JUDAS' REASONABLE SERVICE

But Judas, who is also present, also has his suggestion for "reasonable service." Sell the perfume to feed the poor. Of course, this is noble, and Jesus even says there will be plenty of time to serve the poor, but what Judas lacked was a right motive and heart.

Though both Mary and Judas are disciples and followers of Christ, this is only in a technical sense, not in an authentic sense. Judas, like Caiaphas and the Pharisees, are self-seeking and only interested in self-preservation, not sacrifice and worship.

Mark 14.6-9 // Matthew 23.27, 28

THE AROMA OF CHRIST

Both Mary and Jesus, drenched in this perfume, undoubtedly left this home and had this aroma upon them for many days. For some, like Judas, who most likely smelled the lingering aroma on the night he betrayed Jesus, it was the smell of condemnation and death. For others, like Mary and John, it was the aroma of life.

**You need not be an incredibly educated,
theologically astute disciple in order to glorify God
and bring the Good News to others.
All you need is to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn to worship.**

Acts 4.13 // 2 Corinthians 2.14-17 // Philippians 3.7-11 // Acts 20.24

**For those who don't feel able to be like Mary,
we find encouragement knowing that in our weakness,
even in our sin, God our Father draws near to us.
He does not withdraw.**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 32:1

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 12.1-11**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

How does knowing that God draws near to you even in your sin change the way that you see your justification and standing with God? How might it change your response to Him?

Your Life Mission

You have been saved to be sent, and you are to be sent with the aroma of Christ. As you spend time at the feet of Jesus in prayer and worship, ask Him for help to be the bearer of that aroma. Which relationships would you like prayer for as you go and hope to be the aroma of life to?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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