

The Cost of Worship
Matthew 26:6-13
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1. The woman who anointed Jesus' feet with perfume paid a cost at multiple levels to worship Jesus. She paid a cost in:
 - Finances (the perfume)
 - Reputation (how others saw her)
 - Pride (lowered herself publicly)
 - a. How do you worship Jesus in these ways?
 - b. Where do you find resistance in worshipping Jesus in these areas?
 - c. What might be a next step for you in each area?

Read John 12:1-8 (Same event, different gospel)

2. Judas looked to what he could get from the woman, and by extension from Jesus, where the woman looked to give to Jesus.
 - a. In what ways might your worship be more like Judas than like the woman?
 - b. Now ask yourself the same question and substitute 'daily life' for 'worship'?
 - c. What difference did that make in your response? Should there have been any difference?
3. If they could have Judas and the disciples would have stopped this woman from worshipping Jesus as she was led.
 - a. How might you be hindering others from worshipping Jesus?
 - b. What value or desire is sparking that behavior or attitude?

Scripture Memory:
Psalm 95:6