

Lessons in Real Worship
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*Therefore, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they made Him a dinner there, and Martha was serving; and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. 3 Mary then took a pound of very expensive perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, the one who intended to betray Him, said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the proceeds given to poor people?" 6 Now he said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he kept the money box, he used to steal from what was put into it. 7 Therefore Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. 8 "For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."
John 12:1-8*

- 1. Real Worship is about Jesus**
- 2. Real Worship lays aside its inhibitions.**
- 3. Real Worship comes from listening to Jesus.**

"Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial."

*"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."
Luke 10:41-42*

*These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 **Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,** 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
1 Peter 1:7-8 NIV*

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to

*be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.
10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my
Father's commandments and abide in his love.*

John 15:7-10 ESV

*"I get alone with God in prayer. He sets me on fire.
The people come out to watch me burn."*

Often attributed to John Wesley

4. Real Worship is Costly

*3 Mary then took a pound of very expensive perfume of pure nard, and anointed the
feet of Jesus...*

5. Real Worship is often misunderstood by onlookers

*7 Therefore Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My
burial. 8 "For you always have the poor with you,
but you do not always have Me."*

John 12:7-8

6. Real worship sets you free from the "Shoulds" of life

7. Real worship changes you

*Mary then took a pound of very expensive perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet
of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of
the perfume.*

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were
uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had
been with Jesus.*

Acts 4:13

*For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among
those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a
fragrance from life to life.*

2 Corinthians 2:15-16