

John 12:1-8

Mary's Foolishness

I. SET UP

1) Record – v. 1-2

- Time
- Locale
- Parallels

2) Mary's Act – v. 3

- Perfume
- Anointing

3) People's Response – v. 4-6

- Judas
- Disciples

II. JESUS' RESPONSE – v. 7-8

a) Jesus' Words

Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her. - Matt 26:13 / Mark 14:8

b) Characteristics of Mary's Act

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Praxis

1. Jesus' disciples considered Mary's act a waste (i.e., foolish). What other acts of devotion can you think of that some (even you) might have considered a foolish waste...
How should we respond to such?
2. Review the 8 characteristics of Mary's foolishness... which one(s) are you most needing to grow as you respond to Jesus?
What keeps you from it?
3. What are some of the practical implications of Jesus' statement in John 12:8?