

A fitting response
Meeting the real Jesus part 3
John 12:1-11 (Matt 26:6-13 & Mk 14:3-9)

1. Listening to his Word brings me blessing

“Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught.” Luke 10:39

2. Laying my burdens at His feet brings me hope

‘When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”’ John 11:32

3. Getting to know Jesus stirs me to bring Him my best

“Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.” John 12:3

What did it cost Mary?

- i. **Time** to be at his feet and learn
- ii. **Humility** to take up the position of slave
- iii. **Courage** to bring her burdens to Jesus and accept she could not deal with it
- iv. **Risk of embarrassment** to be undignified and wipe his feet with her hair (Jewish women didn’t untie their hair in public!)
- v. **Risk of being misunderstood** –
 - a. Martha thought she was lazy (Luke 10:40)
 - b. Friends and neighbours thought she was going out to tomb to weep not to see Jesus (Jn 12:31)
 - c. Judas & disciples thought it was a waste
- vi. **Enormous Expense** – the perfume was worth a year’s wages

“But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵“That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.” John 12:4-5

“But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the Lord my God that have cost me nothing.” 2 Samuel 24:24

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” Romans 12:1