

WHEN JESUS IS WORTH IT ALL

JOHN 12:1-11

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Mary, unlike us, did not have the indwelling Holy Spirit but she did have Jesus! Notice Mary's progression as a follower of Jesus: (1) She chose to listen to Jesus. (2) She loved Him. (3) She worshiped Him. The chart describing Mary's life can be found in Matthew 26 of the Life Application Study Bible.

YOU CHOOSE WHAT IS BETTER. Work has an insatiable appetite that can never be totally fulfilled. To throw oneself to meet work's demands at all cost, leads to an attitude that all should be like you. Martha chose the work. Mary chose the time to be with Jesus. **(John 12:1-8, fn 12:3, Luke 10:38-42, fn 10:38-42, Psalm 27:4, fn 27:4, Psalm 46:10, fn 46:8-11, Philippians 3:7-16, fn 3:12-14, fn 3:16)** *When and how could you chose a special time to listen and pray over God's Word?*

YOU LOVE HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART. Before worship there must be love. Mary took the time to sit at Jesus' feet listening and learning. As she witnessed the miraculous restoring of her brother's life by Jesus, her joy overflowed as she basked in the understanding of God's love for her, and she responded by loving Jesus with all her heart! **(John 12:1-8, Matthew 26:6-13, fn 26:13, Romans 5:5, fn 5:5-6, I John 4:13-19, fn 4:13, I Peter 1:8, 9, fn 1:8-9)** *In your special time that you set aside to be with the Lord, how could you love our Lord with all your heart?*

YOU WORSHIP HIM. Worship is an expression of love that finds its origin in humility. From humility comes God's grace, God's power to love and worship. Mary, not Martha or Lazarus, was the one who poured out the expensive perfume on Jesus' body. Worship is an act of selfless love, and Jesus said that Mary's act of worship was beautiful and would be remembered. Your worship could begin by listening and learning from God's Word in your special time with Him. Like Mary, you will see that Jesus is worth it all. **(John 12:1-8, Mark 14:3-9, fn 14:6-7, John 4:21-24, fn 4:24, Romans 12:1,2, fn 12:1-2, Psalm 100:1-5, fn 100:4)** *How could your love for Jesus be so compelling that you worship Him and know that Jesus is worth it all?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?