

# Sermon Reflections

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*What Is Jesus Worth?* • Matthew 26:1-16

**Summary:** Your estimation of Jesus is seen in how much you spend your life to honor Him. Looking at your life, what is Jesus worth?

## Raise Your Evaluation of Jesus

### 1. See His Plan to Spend Himself for You (vv. 1-5)

- What does Jesus reveal about His plan in verse 2? Why is it significant that Jesus mentions specific details, and what does this teach us about: 1) His nature; and 2) the great cost of His sacrifice? (See His previous reminder of His plan to His disciples in Matthew 20:18-19.)
- Read John 10:14-18. What is a key aspect of Christ's sacrifice that should move us toward a greater love and appreciation for what He has done for us? What is significant about Jesus laying down His life and how does this magnify your view of His sacrifice?
- Read Romans 5:6-10. What is another key aspect of Christ's sacrifice that should move us toward a greater love and appreciation for Him? How does a keen awareness of our sin nature and God's unconditional love toward us, give rise to a greater appreciation for what He has done for us?

### 2. Spend Your Life to Show His Worth (vv. 6-13)

- Read the account in John 12:1-8 for additional details.
- What was the motivation of the anointing by the woman? List details of her actions that prove the high valuation she places on the Lord's sacrifice?
- List examples of things that people purchase that cost a year's income or more? If you own any of these, what sacrifice was required to obtain them? How could you similarly sacrifice for the sake of Christ? What are some practical ways in which you can demonstrate His worth?
- Was the negative response to this anointing justified? Why or why not? Are there areas where you struggle in wondering if the cost of a ministry (that you may or may not be involved with) is worth the spend? Describe examples. How can you combat this tendency of thought?
- How does Jesus honor this woman? Does this motivate you toward greater service/worship? Why or why not?

### 3. Set No Limit on Your Devotion for Him (vv14-16)

- Judas cuts his losses in following Christ at a mere 30 pieces of silver. Are there people like Judas that you know of who have walked away from Him? What was their "limit"?
- List examples of what may cause someone to suspend their commitment to Christ? Are there sins in your life that temporarily hinder your devotion to Christ? Read Colossians 3:1-10. List practical ways to repent.