

(I) THERE WERE MANY WHO DID NOT GIVE GLORY TO JESUS

1. Those who did not understand Him and turned away

*"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more." **John 6:66***

2. Those who vigorously opposed Him all the way

*"Then the Jews answered and said to Him, 'Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?'" **John 8:48***

(II) A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE OF GIVING GLORY TO JESUS

1. Giving glory first entails a certain possession

- a) Of an enduring faith in Jesus
- b) Of a pure love for Jesus
- c) Of a deep understanding of the Mission of Jesus

2. Giving glory can be expressed without a word spoken

- a) Mary offered a special gift to Jesus without saying a word
- b) Her act of humble worship
 - i) Giving of a costly fragrant oil of spikenard (**John 12:3, 5**)
 - ii) Anointing the feet of Jesus (**John 12:3**)
 - iii) Wiping the feet of Jesus with her hair (**John 12:3**)
- c) Her act of giving
 - i) In the context of indignation of the disciples of Jesus
 - ii) In the context of sharp criticism
 - iii) In the context of giving to the poor (as a supposedly better alternative)

(III) THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GIFT BY JESUS

1. In contrast the objection of the Disciples

*“But one of His disciples. Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him said, ‘Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?’” **John 12:4-5***

*“But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, ‘Why this waste? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.’” **Matthew 26:8-9***

*“...And they criticized her sharply.” **Mark 14:5***

2. A Commendation of great Value

a) A rebuke of the disciples (**Matthew 26:10a**)

b) Commendation of “a good work” (**Matthew 26:10b**)

c) Praise for her understanding of the Mission of Jesus that would lead to His death

*“For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.” **Matthew 26:12***

d) Her act of love would be told “as a memorial to her” (**Matthew 26:13**)

(IV) A CHALLENGE TO DO SOMETHING DEEPLY MEANINGFUL FOR JESUS

1. Take time to think deeply

2. Make definite plans to fulfill the deed determined