



**Series** Final Week

**Passage** John 12:1-8, 11:1-53

**Title** Lavish Worship

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**Discussion Starter:** What are some of the key elements that you learned from the sermon this past Sunday that enable us to lavishly worship Jesus?

**Why Such Lavish Worship** (John 12:1-3)

- What do you think prompted Mary and Simon to give the best that they had to lavishly worship Jesus?
- How would you describe how you worship Jesus?

**When God Disappoints it is Crushing** (John 11:1-24)

- We see that Jesus does not come immediately after hearing the news of Lazarus being sick sent by Martha and Mary. He decides to wait two more days where he is at before going back to Bethany. What are some of the lessons Jesus was trying to teach the disciples and us when it comes to having specific expectations of God?
- When have you been faced with a tough situation recently that ended up stretching your faith? What would have been different if that struggle had simply been avoided?

**Jesus Makes Radical Declarations** (John 11:25-30)

- Why do you think the declarations made by Jesus were so radical in that day and age?

**Jesus Cares** (John 11:31-36)

- We see Jesus here groaning in His spirit and troubled, then He is weeping, and again in verse 38 He is groaning in Himself. Since Jesus already knew He was going to raise up Lazarus from the dead, why do you think He displayed each of these emotions?

**Jesus' Power Over Life and Death** (John 11:37-44)

- Even after Jesus performed the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead...proving that He truly had the power over life and death... not all believed. This teaches us that there are only two responses to Jesus. We are either for Him or against Him. How does this apply to our own lives as Christians today?

**Those Who are not in Love with Jesus will find a reason not to Worship Him** (John 12:3-6)

- How does Judas cover up his true motives of complaining about Martha's wasting of expensive perfume on Jesus? What are some of the reasons we find ourselves complaining about others that keep us from worshiping Jesus in a lavish way?

**Being Attentive to Jesus** (John 12:7-8)

- What are some of the reactions we can expect to receive from people when we are lavishly worshiping Jesus? How are we encouraged to continue on in our worship of Jesus based on Jesus' response to the critics of Martha?