"Work or Worship—Let’s do it Heartily for the Lord" **Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John**

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## ****John 12:1-8****

# John 12:1-8 English Standard Version (ESV)

**12**Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2**So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. **3**Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **4**But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, **5**“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” **6**He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. **7**Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. **8**For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

# Mark 14:3-10English Standard Version (ESV)

**3**And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. **4**There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? **5**For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. **6**But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. **7**For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. **8**She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. **9**And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

**10**Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them.

**A look at three “Disciples”:**

1. **A Hearty Servant—Verse 2**
2. **A Humble Sacrificer—Verse 3**
3. **A Hypocritical Self-Server—Verse 4-6**

**Which do you most identify with today?**

# Colossians 3:15-17English Standard Version (ESV)

**15**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **16**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **17**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# Colossians 3:23-25English Standard Version (ESV)

**23**Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, **24**knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.**25**For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.