



*“Seeing Clearly”*  
*John 12:1-11*

Do you wear glasses? How did you feel when you were told they would now be a part of your life?

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*John 12* Jesus is about to embark on the last week of his life. Before all the events of the week unfold, he takes time for a quiet dinner with a few friends. During the meal he is confronted by an extraordinary act of devotion by Mary and Lazarus. They see him for who he is, while Judas cannot see beyond what he needs. The “anointing” of Jesus by Mary set him apart as King, recognized him as Messiah and prepared him for the burial that would soon come.

**FOLLOWERS CHANGE THEIR \_\_\_\_\_**

“Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. 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.

*John 12:1-3*

- I need to hold everything with open hands and hearts

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“But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” 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. Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

*John 12:4-8*

- If someone followed me for a week, what would they say was most important to me?

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“When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

*John 12:9-11*

- Jesus changes how others see me and how I see myself

**THIS WEEK:**

- Do I see Jesus clearly?
- If I have, how has my vision of Jesus changed me?