

THE BOOK OF JOHN

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

JOHN 12:1-8 TNIV

1. You were made to worship God

Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. PSALM 25:4-5 NLT

2. Misdirected worship will ruin your life

The Lord said, "These people claim to worship me, but their words are meaningless, and their hearts are somewhere else. ISAIAH 29:13 GNT

3. You must learn to worship God in different ways

Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you. JAMES 4:8 NLT

- Finding God in nature
- Hearing from God through the senses
- Feeling God in ritual and symbol
- Loving God with solitude and simplicity
- Fighting for God through confrontation
- Holding God by caring for others
- Experiencing God in celebration
- Connecting with God from your heart
- Engaging God with your intellect