

Effects & Affections

John 11:45-12:8

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John 11:45-46 — ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him, ⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

John 11:47-53 — ⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” ⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered about. ⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put Him to death.

John 11:54-57 — ⁵⁴ Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there He stayed with the disciples. ⁵⁵ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶ They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That He will not come to the feast at all?” ⁵⁷ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest Him.

John 12:1-3 — ¹ 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, Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at the 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.

John 12:4-8 — 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.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer — *“It is only because He became like us that we can become like Him”*

John Piper — *And look at Jesus’ feet. She pours this lavish love on His feet. His dirty, smelly, human feet. Why? Because the least of Jesus is worthy of the best of us.*

R.C. Sproul — *Anyone who has ever been in love at some point has made an extravagant gift for the one that he or she loved, and the only justification for it was the love that he or she felt. It is appropriate to love Him extravagantly, for He is worthy of extravagant love.*