

# On The Road Sunday 3 November 2024

## ETA

### Quotes To Consider:

“When you see something as true and beautiful and valuable, you savour it. That is, you treasure it. You cherish and admire and prize it. Spiritual seeing and spiritual savouring are so closely connected that it would be fair to say: If you don’t savour Christ, you haven’t seen Christ for who he is. If you don’t prize him above all things, you haven’t apprehended his true worth.” - John Piper

### Discussion Questions: Psalm 37 v 4 John 12 v 1-11

**Psalm 37:4:** "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart"

1. What does “delight yourself in the Lord” mean?

### Read John 12 v 1-11

2. What details does John give us about Mary’s sacrifice in John 12:3? What strikes you as most intriguing?
3. The average yearly full time wage in UK for 2024 was just under £36000 if someone gave you that amount of money as a gift, what would you do with it?
4. Could you imagine buying a bottle of perfume with it? And then pouring it over someone’s feet? Explain your thoughts about doing that.
5. Why do you think Mary did that for Jesus (v3)? What do her actions tell you about what she thought of Jesus?
6. Why do you think Judas said what he did in v5?
7. Would you agree with him – do you think it would be better to give a year’s wages to the poor or pour it over Jesus’ feet? Explain why you think that.

8. Does what Jesus says in verses 7 & 8 surprise you? What do you think he means by what he says?
9. What are some ways we can cultivate or grow in our worship of Christ?
10. One of the themes from this entire “On the Road” series is this statement “God longs for us to desire HIM more than just His answers for our lives.” Why do you think this is the case? What could be wrong with wanting His answers to our questions? ( Proverbs 12 v 26, Proverbs 13 v 20, Proverbs 19v 20 Romans 8 v14, Galatians 5 v 16, Galatians 5 v 25, 1 Corinthians 2 v 12)

Some things to reflect on your own

There was no doubt Jesus was Mary’s highest priority and greatest treasure. She brought costly perfume, she poured it on Jesus feet, she humbled herself to the point of a servant, and the fragrance filled the house. Jesus says Mary has made a proportionate choice, or the one thing that matters most in Luke 10:41-42.

1. Could the same be said of you? Do others know Jesus is your highest priority, your greatest treasure, and the one thing that matters most to you? Why or why not?
2. How would others know? What might this look like in your workplace, in your family, with your children, with your friends, or in your hobbies?
3. Do some adding up consider your yearly income. That is how much Mary poured out on Jesus feet. What do Mary’s actions communicate about Jesus and his worth? What does Jesus say the kingdom of heaven is like in Matthew 13:44-46? Do your actions communicate the same thing? Why or why not?