



THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 12:1-11

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.

John 12:1-11

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,

John 12:1-11

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,

John 12:1-11

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.” ⁹

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.

John 12:1-11

¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

Mark 14:3-9

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.

Mark 14:3-9

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.

Mark 14:3-9

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.

Mark 14:3-9

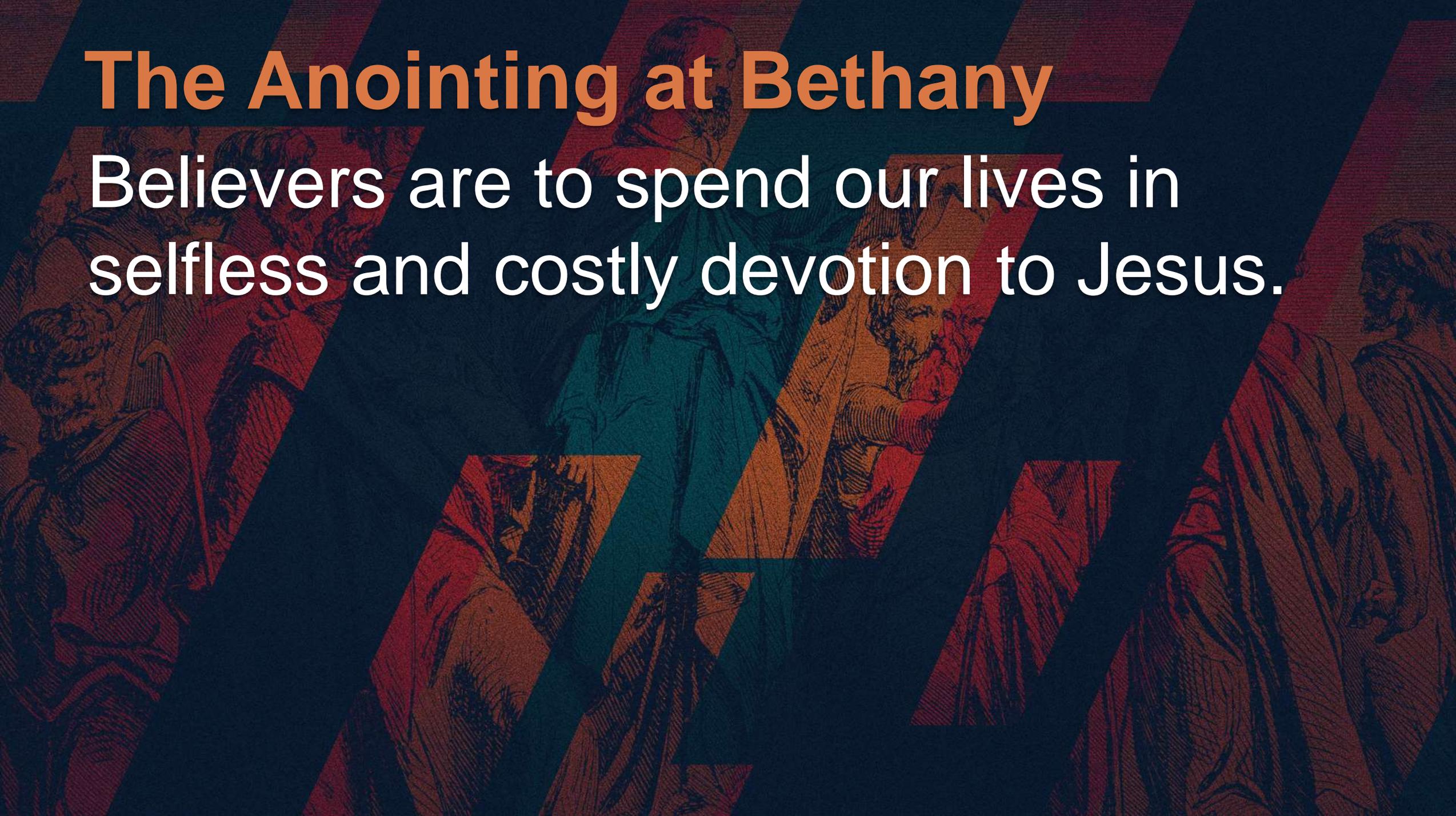
⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

The Anointing at Bethany

The preaching of the gospel should bring about something along the very lines of the action of Mary here, namely that people should come to Jesus and pour themselves out in worship to Jesus.

The Anointing at Bethany

Believers are to spend our lives in selfless and costly devotion to Jesus.



1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you of darkness into his marvelous light

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Worship is ascribing worth to Jesus.



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Worship is selfless devotion to Jesus.



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“Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

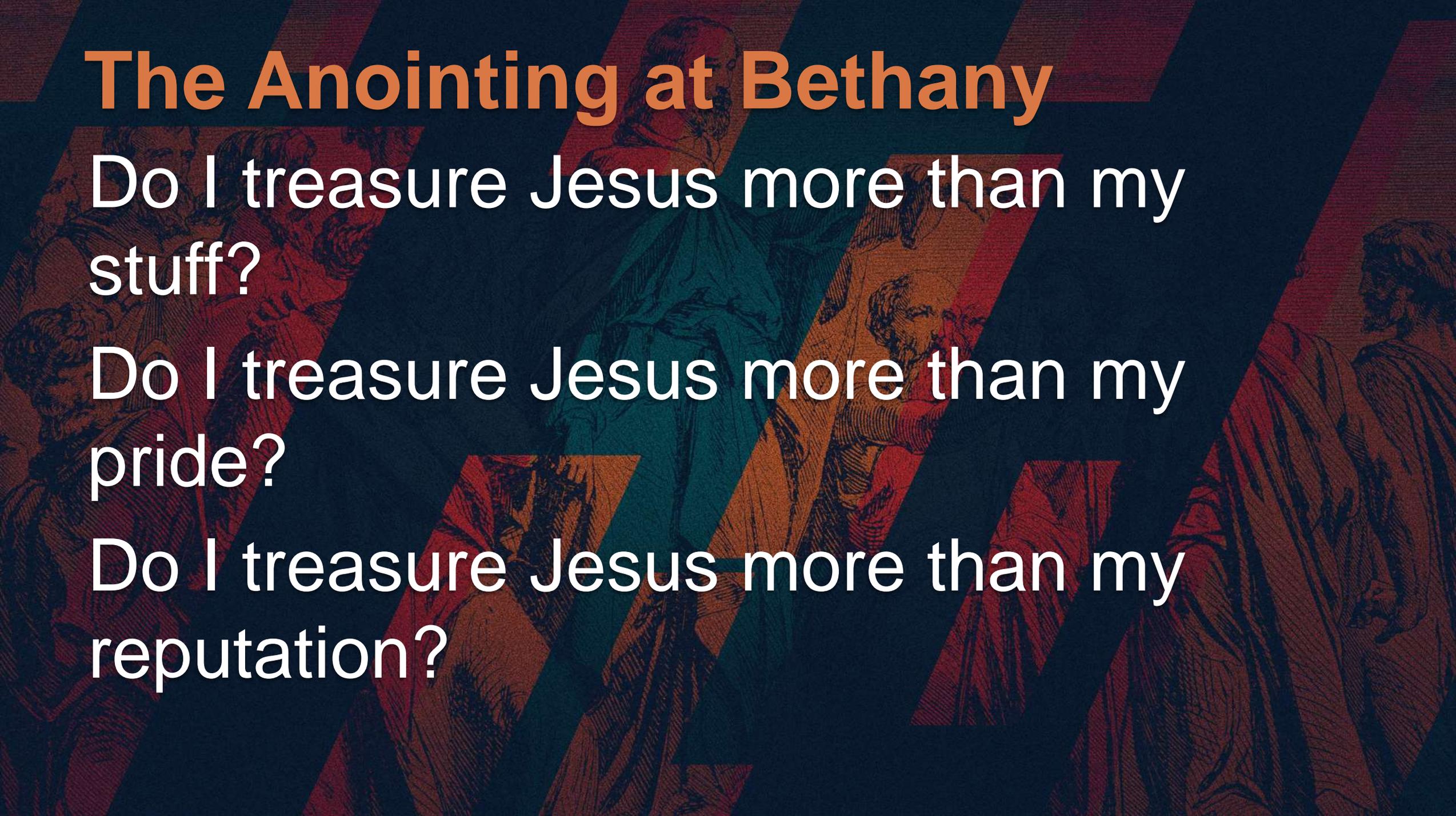
-The Wonderous Cross by Isaac Watts

The Anointing at Bethany

Worship proceeds from the heart.



The Anointing at Bethany

The background features a detailed illustration of the Anointing at Bethany. It shows Jesus seated in the center, surrounded by a group of people. One woman is shown anointing Jesus' feet with a costly perfume. The scene is set in a room with a large table and various items on it. The illustration is rendered in a style that combines fine line work with areas of solid color, primarily in shades of red, orange, and teal.

Do I treasure Jesus more than my stuff?

Do I treasure Jesus more than my pride?

Do I treasure Jesus more than my reputation?