

**JESUS BEFORE THE PEOPLE**  
**(November 5, 2017)**  
**A Family Who Loved the Lord**  
**(John 12:1-11)**  
**Small Group Study Notes**

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Getting to know you: What do you enjoy most about the fall season?

Introduction:

- What holy festival is about to occur in our passage?
- Where is Jesus and the 12?
- What are the names of the family members?
- What promise does Jesus make in Matthew 18:20?

Meet the family:

**1) Martha the worker.**

- What is Martha doing?
- How does this occasion differ from Luke 10:38-42?
- What lesson do you think Martha learned?
- Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 – what gift do you enjoy using for God’s glory?

**2) Lazarus the witness.**

- What recent event in Lazarus’ life caused him to be “Exhibit A” proving Jesus was/is the Son of God?
- How does Jesus make spiritually dead people alive?
- Who do you know that is a living testimony of the transforming grace of God? How so?
- What did the religious leaders want to do with Lazarus?

**3) Mary the worshipper.**

- The three times we read about Mary (Luke 10:39, John 11:32, John 12:3) where is she? What does this say about her?
- What was the gift she gave to Jesus? What was its estimated worth?
- What was the meaning of her gift? (2 things)
- How might we be generous with our time, talent and treasure?
- Who complained or criticized her? What was his excuse for doing so?
- What inside scoop did John reveal about Judas?

**CLOSE:**

**Two questions to ponder:**

- 1) What has God given you to give away? How can you pour your life out as an offering to God?
  - 2) Who needs what you have to give away? Who has God put in your life that you could help?
- What questions do you have about this passage?
  - What inspires you most about this family?
  - What is one thing the Holy Spirit would have you do?