

HOME DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week of April 12th - April 18th, 2026

Sunday, April 12th, 2026

Daily Verse: John 12:1-11

Weekly Catechism

11. Q. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy (Ps. 145:17), wise, (Isa. 28:29) and powerful (Heb. 1:3), preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions (Ps. 103:19; Matt. 10:29).

Spurgeon, C. H. *A Catechism, With Proofs*. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009.

Sermon Notes

John 12:1–11 – “The Infinite Value of Christ”

1. The True Measure of Value

- Earthly treasures _____ and _____.
- The only lasting worth is found in _____.
- Mary understood that _____ was worth more than _____.

2. Martha and Mary Compared

- Martha: Distracted by _____, anxious to _____ the situation.
- Mary: Sat at Jesus' _____, showing _____ and _____.
- Service should flow from _____, not _____ it.

3. Honor vs. Dignity

- Honor means _____ yourself to others and to God.
- Dignity seeks _____, _____, and self-preservation.
- Jesus can only be known through _____.

4. Mary's Worship

- She gave her _____ and _____ to anoint the Lord.
- Her act seemed _____ to others, but it was actually perfect _____.
- When Christ's value is clear, everything else _____ in comparison.

5. Judas's False Measure

- Judas called her offering a _____.
 - His concern was _____, not _____.
 - He valued _____ over _____.
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6. Personal Challenge

- Does Christ have _____ to _____ in your life?
 - True discipleship holds _____ back from the Lord.
 - The _____ value of Jesus demands our _____ commitment.
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Referenced Bible Verses

- Luke 10:38–42 ESV: "Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."[1]
- John 11:20–27 ESV: "So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."[1]
- John 11:28–33 ESV: "When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled."[1]
- Matthew 13:44–46 ESV: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Monday, April 13th, 2026

✓ Daily Verse: John 12:3

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

Worldly value is unstable—markets shift, possessions fade, and everything we cling to is temporary. But in Bethany, Mary shows what real proportion looks like: when the living God is in the room, the best thing you have is not too costly to put at His feet. This isn't waste. It's worship. She's not confused about value—she's finally seeing it clearly.

Mary's act exposes what we often hide: we don't struggle because we don't know Jesus is important; we struggle because something else still feels safer, more necessary, more "real." The question isn't whether the perfume had value. The question is whether Jesus is worth more. And the sermon's answer is simple: Christ's worth makes everything else fade into insignificance.

Questions for Reflection

1. What do I treat as "too valuable" to place at Jesus' feet?
2. Where do I most feel the pull of security in possessions, comfort, or control?
3. If my life had a "fragrance," what would it reveal that I truly treasure?

Prayer Focus

- A heart that sees Christ's worth with clarity and joy.
- Freedom from being beholden to what this world assigns value to.

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026

Daily Verse: Luke 10:42

Review Weekly Catechism

DEVOTIONAL

Martha serves, and that service matters—but Jesus identifies her anxiety and distraction. Mary, in contrast, settles at the Lord’s feet. The sermon presses the point: service should be a response to worship, not a replacement for it. It’s possible to love Jesus and still relate to Him through striving, control, and a subtle attempt to earn approval.

Many of us can host Jesus in our schedule the way Martha hosted Him in her home—busy, sincere, and still anxious. But Mary reminds us that the “good portion” is not one more task done for Jesus; it’s communion with Jesus. Before Christ asks for your hands, He wants your heart. Before He calls you into labor, He calls you into surrender.

Questions for Reflection

1. In what ways do I confuse doing for Jesus with being with Jesus?
2. Where does anxiety show up in my spiritual life—and what is it trying to control?
3. What would it look like this week to “choose the good portion” first?

Prayer Focus

- A renewed love for prayer, listening, and being present with Christ.
- Repentance for works-based instincts and a deeper rest in His approval.

Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

Prayer Nights at 7pm.

Thursday, April 16th, 2026

Daily Verse: John 12:3

Review Weekly Catechism

DEVOTIONAL

Mary doesn't just give something expensive—she risks herself. She “disgraces” her dignity in public to honor the Lord. The contrast is sharp: modern dignity says protect your identity, your reputation, your comfort; honor says I gladly take my role and fulfill it for someone greater than me. Mary's posture shows she finds her fulfillment in honoring Jesus, not in preserving herself.

This is where Christianity collides with a self-protective world. Jesus cannot be known outside of commitment. He can't be sampled like a buffet or held at arm's length with one foot in and one foot out. Honor says, “I'm all-in.” Dignity says, “I'll follow as long as it doesn't cost me.” Mary calls that bluff by putting everything on the line—because she believes Jesus is worth it.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where am I most protective of my dignity (image, comfort, reputation)?
2. What act of obedience have I avoided because it feels “too costly” socially or personally?
3. Do I see commitment to Jesus as oppressive—or as freedom?

Prayer Focus

- Courage to honor Christ even when it costs your comfort or reputation.
- A heart that embraces covenantal commitment over self-preservation.

Friday, April 17th, 2026

Daily Verse: John 12:6

Review Weekly Catechism

DEVOTIONAL

Judas speaks like he's righteous—"give it to the poor"—but the text exposes his heart. He's not concerned with worship or mercy; he's concerned with the moneybag. The text warns that fake worship often wears a mask of reasonable logic. Judas tries to make a true worshipper feel guilty, calling worship "waste," while his real commitment is self-preservation.

This is the dividing line: Mary pours out what she values most because she treasures Jesus. Judas criticizes because he treasures something else. The question isn't whether you have religious vocabulary. The question is what you worship. Everyone is a worshipper of someone or something. Christ calls you out of the dignity game—protecting self, securing wealth, keeping options open—and into honor: surrendered, committed, and all-in.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where do I use "reasonable" excuses to protect what I don't want to surrender?
2. What do my reactions to generosity and worship reveal about my real treasure?
3. Am I more like Mary (honor) or Judas (self-preservation) in my daily decisions?

Prayer Focus

- Integrity: that your motives would be purified, not masked.
- A true worshipper's heart—joyfully surrendered to the worth of Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH

Morning Services

8:00am

9:30am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am



WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH

Morning Services

8:00am

9:30am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am



WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm

FRIDAY APRIL 24TH

Mommy and Me - Gooseberry Bridge Farm

10am - Noon

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH

Morning Services

8:00am

9:30am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

12:30pm - Family Camp Informational Meeting