

# **“Closer Walk” Bible Study**

## **The Gospel Of John Chapter 11:45-12:11**

**Purpose:** To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. When have you challenged company/community policy? What happened?
2. If you had a year's wages to spend on friends, which would you choose: (a) Big party? (b) Glorious trip for a few? (c) Extravagant gift for one?

Getting us into Scripture

3. What responses does the Lazarus miracle produce? Why?
4. What are the chief concerns of the leaders? How do they misunderstand the role of the Messiah? How does Caiaphas propose to solve “the Jesus problem”? How does Caiaphas' murderous threat unwittingly convey prophetic truth about Jesus' death (see 3:16)?
5. How does Jesus respond to this new situation?
6. Given the value of the perfume (v. 5), how would you have reacted as you watched Mary? Why?
7. How does Jesus interpret Mary's action? How is his comment in verse 8 especially applicable to Judas?
8. How is the blindness of the priests shown by their reaction to Lazarus?

Getting Scripture into us

9. What would you have done if you had been on the Sanhedrin? Would politics or truth win out with you?
10. In what ways are you most likely to misunderstand who Jesus is?
11. How have you tried to keep Jesus in line with your religious traditions?
12. If you had a year's salary or time to use for Christ, how would you use it? How is that reflected in your budget and priorities now?
13. If you gave a dinner in Jesus' honor, whom would you invite?