True Devotion

John 12:1-11

An incredible expression of devotion

What devotion is not

What devotion is

Considerations for the week

Mary's gift was extravagant, costly, and public. What does her worship teach us about the nature of true devotion to Christ?

Mary appears more concerned with honoring Jesus than with the opinions of those around her. Consider how the fear of human judgment can hinder our obedience and worship.

Judas cloaked his greed in spiritual-sounding concerns for the poor. Relate circumstances in which self-interest can be disguised as godliness in a believer or in a church.

The fragrance of perfume filled the whole house. Give examples of ways that genuine devotion to Christ can influence and encourage others within the body of Christ.

Lazarus says nothing in this passage, yet his very presence points people to Jesus. How can a transformed life silently serve as a testimony?

The religious leaders were willing to kill Lazarus because his life bore witness to Jesus. This teaches us about the cost of faithful witness. How should Christians respond when faithfulness brings opposition?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

For a congregation of mature believers, these questions can move beyond observation into worship,

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. – Mark 12:30, NIV

Scripture read today during worship:

Psalms 116:12-19
Psalm 103:9-12
2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *Trust and Obey*

Call to worship

Hymn 87, *May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

Hymn 74, *Majesty*

Confession and assurance

Hymn 530, *Saved, Saved!*

Hymn, *Only a God Like You*

Hymn, *Worthy Medley*

Offertory
- Reading and prayer
- Special music
  - *Broken and Spilled Out*

Message

Hymn of response 367
Wherever He Leads I'll Go

Benediction

Postlude, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Weekly events

Today after the benediction, Cookies & Coffee in our fellowship hall

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
Reservations required.

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday
- Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm
- Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: spaghetti and meatballs, veggies, salad, bread, dessert
- Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor
- BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm
- Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm
- Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets week-after-next, December 5

Sunday morning
- Adult Bible study, 9:30 am
- Worship, 10:45 am
- Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.
Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org
The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Happy Birthday Jesus
Family party -- Friday, December 18

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Our website is at https://rtbc.faith

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Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Christmas Cantata featuring our choir and orchestra, December 13, during morning worship

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.