

## Part 6

# The House of Miracles

John 12:1-11

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

Matthew 26:6

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper,

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### Message notes:

Every person that comes to faith experiences a supernatural \_\_\_\_\_: restoration and reconciliation to God.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a spiritual gift.

We serve in areas that are in our \_\_\_\_\_.

We're a house of sinners, but we don't stay there, we become a house of \_\_\_\_\_. We've been reconciled to God!

Religious people can't stand radical generosity in worship, but Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Reconciled people become \_\_\_\_\_: people who share the good news.

It's a great joy to say to people, "God's not mad at you, \_\_\_\_\_!"

### Additional notes:

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### Discussion Questions:

1. The message compares withholding the Gospel to withholding a cure for a deadly disease. What are some practical ways we can overcome the fear or hesitation that prevents us from sharing the Gospel with others?
2. The message highlighted the miracle of Lazarus being raised from the dead as a powerful testament to Jesus' divine power. How can the story of Lazarus inspire us to have faith in God's ability to bring life and transformation to seemingly hopeless situations in our own lives?
3. Pastor Jamie discussed the importance of serving with the right motives, as exemplified by Martha's transformation. In what ways can we ensure that our acts of service are motivated by genuine love and humility rather than a desire for recognition or approval?
4. The concept of the church as a "house of miracles" is central to the message, emphasizing the transformative power of God's presence. How can we cultivate an atmosphere in our church communities that reflects the joy, gratitude, and miraculous transformation described in the sermon?
5. This series has called us to embrace our role as ambassadors for Christ, sharing the message of reconciliation with the world. What specific steps can we take to become more effective ambassadors for Christ in our workplaces, neighborhoods, and social circles?

### Ministry Time:

The message pointed out that even in a house of miracles, there can be individuals like Judas who are deceitful and self-serving. Does anyone need any prayer to release and forgive past hurts caused by others?

Throughout the series, Pastor Jamie has talked a lot about sharing the good news. Does anyone need prayer for boldness to become a more confident ambassador for the King?