# TWO PROFESSING DISCIPLES: A STUDY IN CONTRAST

## JOHN 12:1-8

1. **THE RESPONSE OF AN UNDENIABLY DEVOTED BELIEVER (12:2-3)**
   1. The Occasion Was A Simple Sit Down Supper (12:2)
      1. A Joyous Scene With Nothing Initially Distinguishing Anyone In The Group
      2. They Are All Accepting Of Lazarus' Presence
   2. The Emergence Of Mary Into The Room (12:3,7)
      1. A Remarkable Anointing Takes Place
      2. An Example Is Given Of The Attitudes And Actions Of A Genuine Believer
         1. The Personal Sacrifice To Mary Was Enormous
         2. The Personal Humility Of Mary Was Enormous
         3. The Personal Discernment Of Mary Was Enormous (7)
2. **THE RESPONSE OF AN ABSOLUTE UNBELIEVER (12:4-6)**
   1. Judas Is An Example Of Those Who Remain An Enigma To Us
      1. An Honorable Family
      2. A Residence At The Heart Of The Sacred Things Of God
      3. A Name Reflective Of Personal Expectation
      4. A Name That Will Forever Be Associated With Betrayal
   2. Judas Must Be Understood As Scripture Presents Him
      1. Common Misinterpretations
      2. He Is An Unbeliever Who Has Yielded Himself To Evil
   3. Judas' Statement Sounds Like Careful & Wise Counsel (12:5-6)
      1. He Has Calculated The Expense (12:5)
      2. His Hypocrisy Was Due To Covetousness (12:6)
   4. Judas' Statement Is Rebuked By The Lord (12:7-8)