

TWO PROFESSING DISCIPLES: A STUDY IN CONTRAST JOHN 12:1-8

I. THE RESPONSE OF AN UNDENIABLY DEVOTED BELIEVER (12:2-3)

- A. 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

- B. 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
 - a. The Personal Sacrifice To Mary Was Enormous
 - b. The Personal Humility Of Mary Was Enormous
 - c. The Personal Discernment Of Mary Was Enormous (7)

II. THE RESPONSE OF AN ABSOLUTE UNBELIEVER (12:4-6)

- A. 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

- B. Judas Must Be Understood As Scripture Presents Him
 - 1. Common Misinterpretations
 - 2. He Is An Unbeliever Who Has Yielded Himself To Evil

- C. 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)

- D. Judas' Statement Is Rebuked By The Lord (12:7-8)