



The Road to the Cross

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Radical Worship...

Two mites and an alabaster jar

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- Until this widow walks in
 - Her eyes are focused on the altar
 - She is filled with a desire to bless God

■ Mark 12: 41- 44

“Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are (giving). For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

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 - When we depend totally on Him, we bless Him
 - We trust Him
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- In reality, aren't we there all the time?
 - It's a condition of the human heart to think that we are sufficient without Him, and to call on Him only when things are out of our control

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- All of these friends have witnessed firsthand the healing power of Jesus

John 12: 1-8

“Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil...”

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- Martha, focused again on serving, but this time with a much different attitude
 - She was in the midst of miracles

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- Worship Jesus with all that you have and leave the rest to Him

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“But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s *son*, who would betray Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it...”

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- Or simply to know that what you are doing pleases Him?



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- In a room full of miracles, let your need and belief touch the heart of Jesus today