How Do We Love Like Jesus?

1. Two NT Stories:
   - The Saint: John 12:1-11  Pg 761  Mary
   - The Sinner: Luke 7:36-50                 Pg 731  Notorious woman (Prostitute)

   >People: Two very different people performing two very similar acts!
   >Pattern: Models of personal worship and devotion we should aspire to!
   >Reflection: Their actions toward Jesus are REFLECTIVE of His action toward them. (Response = Outpouring of Love)

2. Four Similarities We Can Learn From.
   - Both were incredible acts of devotion and worship
   - Both describe someone that had a problem with what happened
     >Saint: Judas: About money: (D. James Kennedy: Money; Sex; Power) Lesson for us!!!
     >Sinner: Simon: About person: (Ground is level at foot of cross)
       Neither deserved forgiveness; Both received it…and understood it!
       We “downplay” our sin…”Highlight others!” God’s eyes…all the same
       “Joke: Waiter brings bowl of soup to man: (Small fly…)
   - Extravagant Act of Worship:
     >Jn 12:5 “Was worth a years wages” Stop: How much?  50k  75k  100k?  200k
       In one act of complete devotion…it was POURED OUT on Jesus feet…and GONE!
   - Incredibly Personal:
     >Both dried his feet with their hair (Culturally unheard of (shameful) for a woman to let hair down publically)
       Ex: It’s like what happened Friday: Meeting friend…Pirate wench!
         How could she POSSIBLY? WHAT was she THINKING?

3. Four Difference We Can Learn From.
   - Worship is the same for Everyone: Their Background very different, but their worship was the same
     >Mary was a well loved and well know follower of Jesus (Seen her over and over)
     >The woman was well know…and well loved…by many men in town
   - Welcome by Jesus is the same for Everyone
     >Mary was in a very familiar place at feet of Jesus, and was welcome there
     >Other woman…was in a VERY unfamiliar place at feet of Jesus (Not welcome by others…but was by Him)
       Culture: It was ALLOWED for someone to come uninvited to this kind of feast
       Sometimes MEN did…Seldom women…THIS WOMAN: NEVER
       Luke 15:2 “This man WELCOMES sinners and eats with them!”
   - Sinner: This act was about HER: She was focused on her own sinfulness:
     >The one who has been forgiven MUCH: She Got it!
     >Implication for Simon: Forgiven LITTLE: He didn’t get it…at all…NOT FORGIVEN
   - Saint: This act was about JESUS:
     She understood what was coming:
     She seems to have insight the guys didn’t (Lazarus; Here)
     That’s what comes from sitting at feet of Jesus BTW

CONCLUSION: Four Lessons/Challenges We Take Away From These Accounts.
   - What is my personal devotion like: scale of 0-10 Simon 0 Woman 10
   - What is my attitude toward others worship?
   - How extravagant is my giving? Judas Woman
   - How Personal is my connection with Jesus? What does all this say about my love for him?