

Cleansing

Cleansing-Ministry

**Cleansing-Ministry
is Filled with Dirty Work**

John 12:1-11

John 12:1-2

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to 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.

John 12:9

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.

John 12:10-11

So the chief priests made plans to **kill Lazarus** ¹¹ as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were **going over to Jesus and believing in him.**

**1. Cleansing-Ministry is my
first responsibility.**

John 12:3a

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Then **Mary** ...

Mark 16:9

When Jesus rose early on the **first day of the week**, he appeared **first to Mary Magdalene**, out of whom he had driven **seven demons**.

Luke 8:1

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,

Luke 8:2

and **also** some **women** who had been
cured of evil spirits and diseases:
Mary (called **Magdalene**) from whom
seven demons had come out;

Luke 8:3

Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and **many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.**

1 John 1:9

If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and **purify** us from **all** unrighteousness.

Ephesians 5:25-26

Husbands, love your wives, just as
Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy,
cleansing her by the **washing with**
water through the word,

Matthew 7:3-4

“Why do you look at the **speck** of **sawdust** in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the **plank** in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the **speck** out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a **plank** in your own eye?”

Matthew 7:5

You hypocrite, **first** take the plank out of your own eye, and **then** you will see clearly to remove the **speck** from your brother's eye.

2. Cleansing-Ministry **costs**
a lot.

John 12:3

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Then Mary took about a **pint of pure nard**, an **expensive perfume**; she **poured it** on Jesus' **feet** **wiped his feet with her hair**. And the house was filled with **the fragrance** of the perfume.

Matthew 26:7-8

a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of **very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head** as he was reclining at the table.

⁸ When the **disciples** saw this, they were indignant. **“Why this waste?”** they asked.

Matthew 26:12

When she poured this perfume
on my **body**, she did it
to **prepare me** for burial.

John 12:4-5

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.”

John 12:6

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.

Luke 15:10

“I tell you, there is **rejoicing**
in the presence of the angels of God
over **one sinner** who **repents.**”

3. Cleansing-Ministry **has**
Jesus' **stamp of approval.**

John 12:7-8

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“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.”**

Matthew 26:13

Truly I tell you, wherever this **gospel** is preached throughout the **world**, what she **has done** will also be told, **in memory of her.**”

James 5:19-20

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from **the truth** and someone should bring that person **back,** ²⁰ **remember this:** Whoever **turns** a sinner from the **error** of their way will save them from death and **cover over** a multitude of sins.

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