

**“CRUCIFIED GLORIFIED” Series**

*Discovering the Crystal-Clear Certainty of God’s Love for You*

Message #2 of 6

**“PREPARE & WATCH”**

*Recognizing the foolishly fragrant, wonderfully wasteful  
love of God at work – for you.*

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**1. A FEAST** – (v.1-2)

*“The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened bread were only two days away.”*

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” – John 1:29

“... the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.” - Revelation 13:8b

**2. A GIFT** – (v.3)

*“A woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume.”*

- Pure nard had a unique fragrance, and the presence of its aroma was an indication that the very best had been offered.

**3. AN ATTITUDE** – (v.4-5)

*“Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, ‘Why this waste of perfume?’”*

“We love because he first loved us.” – 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19

**4. A SACRIFICE** – (v.6-7)

*“Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.”*

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

**5. A BLESSING** – (v.8)

*“She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.”*

“Being in very nature God, Jesus did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, take the very nature of a servant ... he humbled himself and became obedient to death.” – Philippians 2:6-8

**6. A MEMORIAL** – (v.9)

*“Wherever the gospel is preached, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”*

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9

**7. A BETRAYAL** – (v.9)

*“Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priest to betray Jesus to them.”*

“For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!” – Matthew 26:24

Today Jesus prepares for you and shows you what love looks like. And tomorrow he will meet you out in the world, watch for him.