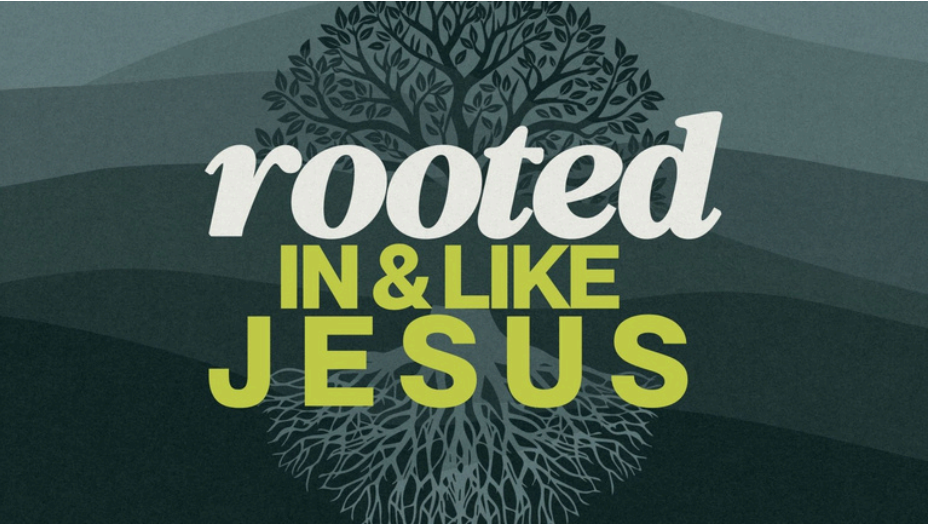




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It's Not a Waste To Be Rooted In & Like Jesus

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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:31 NIV

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold, and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 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. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

John 12:1-8 NIV

That day in the presence of Jesus we find:

- 2 kinds of hearts in the same room
- 2 kinds of responses in the same room

The posture and the condition of the heart is the most important determinant that will affect how rooted you'll stay **in Jesus**, to what extent you will go **for Jesus**, and how far you will go **with Jesus**.

There was Mary's heart and there was Judas' heart.

We can be all day long with Jesus, hear His words all day long, and still not receive from Him and be transformed by Him.

"That anyone could follow Christ as a disciple for three years, see all His miracles, hear all His teaching, receive at His hand repeated kindnesses, be counted an apostle, and yet prove rotten at heart in the end, all this at first sight appears incredible and impossible! Yet the case of Judas shows plainly that the thing can be. Few things, perhaps, are so little realized as the extent of the fall of man."

J.C. Ryle

The tragedy of Judas wasn't distance from Jesus; it was closeness without transformation; it was closeness without sincerity in His relationship with Him.

"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion"
Hebrews 3:15 ESV

To know Him and to be KNOWN BY HIM is the greatest treasure,
the greatest knowledge, the greatest relationship,
and the greatest thing you can ever have in this life.

“And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me.”

Matthew 11:6 ESV

“But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”

Matthew 7:14 NLT

There were 2 responses in that room at Bethany.

The posture of Mary's heart always led her to a response; in every room we find her, in every season we find her, we find her at His feet.

In Luke 10, we find her sitting at the feet of Jesus just listening to His words and it was not a waste.

There's no accomplishment, no award, no relationship, no paycheck, that will sustain your faithfulness to Jesus, but a true and a deep love for Him that's primarily formed when you sit at His feet.

In John 11, we find her at His feet mourning, and it was not a waste.

In John 12, we find her at His feet pouring, serving, giving the costliest and most rare perfume unto Jesus, and it was not a waste!

“Leave her alone...It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.”

John 12:7 NIV