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BELIEVE

"The Heart of Belief"

INTRO: *In today's short and familiar passage, two people, representing the people divided over Jesus' Messiahship, are contrasted in their actions. Their actions reveal the "heart" of the issue of belief.*

- I. **Jesus' _____ divide people over His identity (11:55-57; 12:9-11).** *His miracles, designed to prove His Messiahship and reveal the purpose for His mission, presented compelling evidence for faith in many people, but not for others.*

- II. **Those who do *not* believe in Jesus as _____ reveal an _____ heart (12:4-6).** *When people worship anything or anyone other than God, the true motivation for any altruistic behavior is revealed as self-serving; example Judas.*

- III. **Those who believe in Jesus as _____ reveal a heart of _____ (12:1-3).** *Mary exemplifies this for us!*
 - A. _____.
Mary was at Jesus' feet, drying them with her hair.

 - B. _____.
Mary emptied an expensive container of perfume to anoint Jesus' entire body, not just His feet.

 - C. _____.
Mary cared more about what Jesus thought than what was deemed socially acceptable.