

# Pharisees, Cancel-Culture, and Lazarus

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 11

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**Core Message:** This teaching highlights the divinity and humanity of Jesus, emphasizing His deep compassion and understanding of our struggles. Rabbi Schneider reminds us that Jesus, though fully God, was also fully man. He “gets us” because He lived among us and experienced our trials. The episode contrasts the loving devotion of Mary with the hostile opposition of the Pharisees, drawing parallels to modern cancel-culture. The message challenges believers to courageously stand for truth and worship Jesus extravagantly, even amid persecution.

## Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: John 12:10-11 (NASB)**— "But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus."
  - John 1:1 — "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
  - John 1:14 — "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."
  - John 12:1 — "Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead."
  - John 12:3 — "Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."
  - 1 Peter 5:7 — "Having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you."
  - Genesis 1:26 — "Then God said, 'Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness...'"
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## Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "Yeshua is God, but He completely can \_\_\_\_\_ with us as human beings."
  - "The application is you can cry on Jesus's shoulder because He \_\_\_\_\_ you."
  - "He gets you. He understands why you are the way you are and He \_\_\_\_\_ you."
  - "Judas, here he was, dressed in religious clothes, yet he was a \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "Mary anointed Jesus' feet with perfume—a picture of someone that loved Jesus and was \_\_\_\_\_ with Him."
  - "Love isn't what we feel, it's what we \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "Will you be intimidated by a culture today that's anti-Jesus and anti-?"

## Notes:

(Use lines below for your own thoughts and key takeaways.)

## Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus is both fully God and fully man? How does this affect how you relate to Him?

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2. In what areas of your life do you need to remember that “He gets you”?

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3. How can you demonstrate Mary’s kind of love and devotion in your daily walk with Jesus?

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4. Have you experienced resistance for standing for truth in today’s culture? How can you respond in faith?

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5. The Pharisees preferred to remove knowledge of the miracles of Jesus and remove His followers than to embrace the truth. How is this hostility still evident today?

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## Application Challenge of the Week:

This week, take one bold stand for Jesus in your personal or public life—even if it costs you. Share the truth in love without fear, just as Mary poured out her perfume, in worship.

(Or come up with your own application as the Lord leads):

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## Prayer Prompts:

- Thank God that He fully understands your struggles and emotions.
- Ask Jesus to give you the courage to stand for truth in today's culture.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to help you love others through sacrificial action.

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