

REVOLUTIONARY LOVE

Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor.
John 12:2

Introduction:

- Today we begin a church-wide campaign called *40 Days of Community* for one purpose: to help us become known for our love for Jesus Christ and one another.
- For the last 4 weeks, we've been learning how we are to love one another, but during the next 6 weeks, we'll learn how to become known for our love for Jesus Himself.
- In John 12, we see some of Jesus' followers – whose lives have been “revolutionized” by his love – loving Him in return. Today, and for the next few weeks, we are going to learn how to become known for our love for Jesus like they were.

When Was This Dinner Given?

Mark 14:1

Where Was This Dinner Given?

Matthew 26:6

Who Gave the Dinner?

What Do We Know About These People?

- Simon the leper (*Matthew 26:6; Mark 14:3*)

- Martha (*Luke 10:38-42; John 11:21-22*)

- Lazarus (*Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45; 12:2b, 9-11*)

- Mary (*Luke 10:38-42; John 11:32-33; 12:3*)

- Jesus

- Judas (*v. 6; Matthew 26:14-16, 47-49; 27:1-5*)

They are a crystal clear picture of _____.

The Church is made up of _____.

Why Did They Give Jesus a Dinner?

*Though this supper was held in the house of “Simon the leper” it is evident that Martha, Mary and Lazarus had no small part in the arranging of it. This, together with the whole context, leads us to the conclusion that a feast was here made as **an expression of deep gratitude and praise for the love Jesus had shown them in their life.** (emphasis added)*

Arthur Pink, **Exposition of the Gospel of John, Vol. 2**, p. 233

One Final Question: