



# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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- 4) She loved Jesus as much as Mary did.

What does this story tell you about Mary?

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What does this story tell you about Judas?

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What does this story tell you about the Pharisees?

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What can you learn from this story about love?

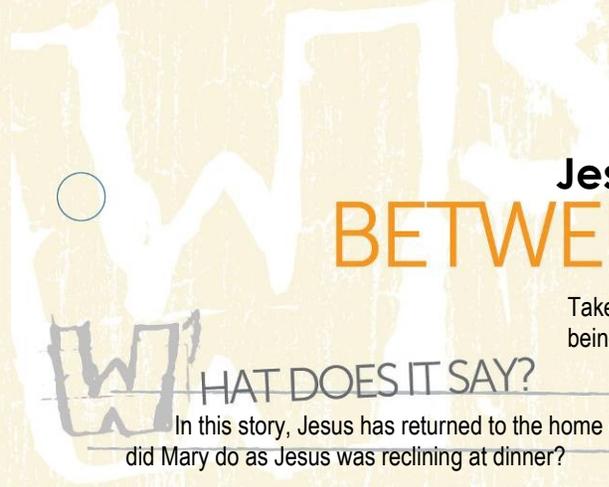
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