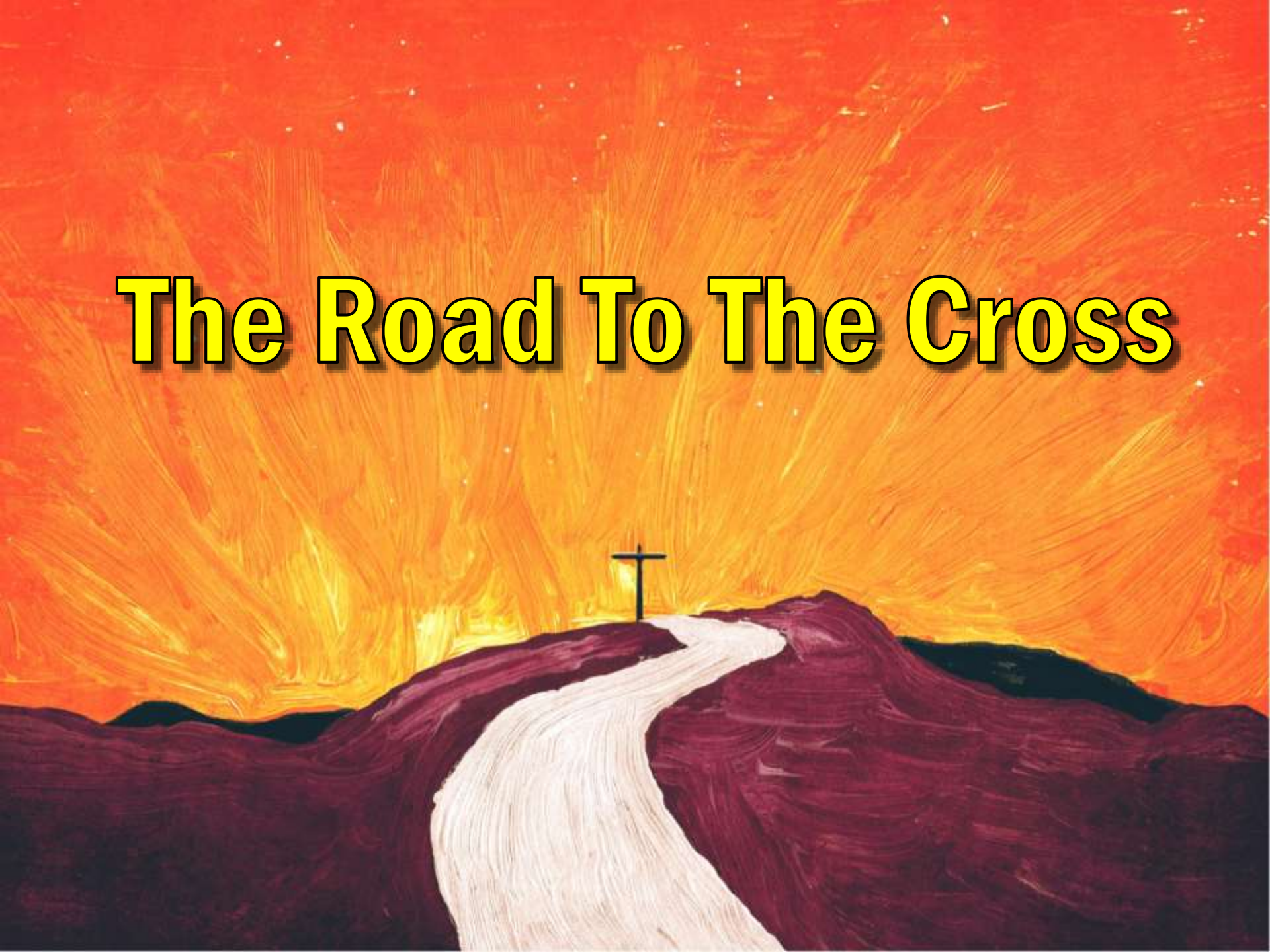
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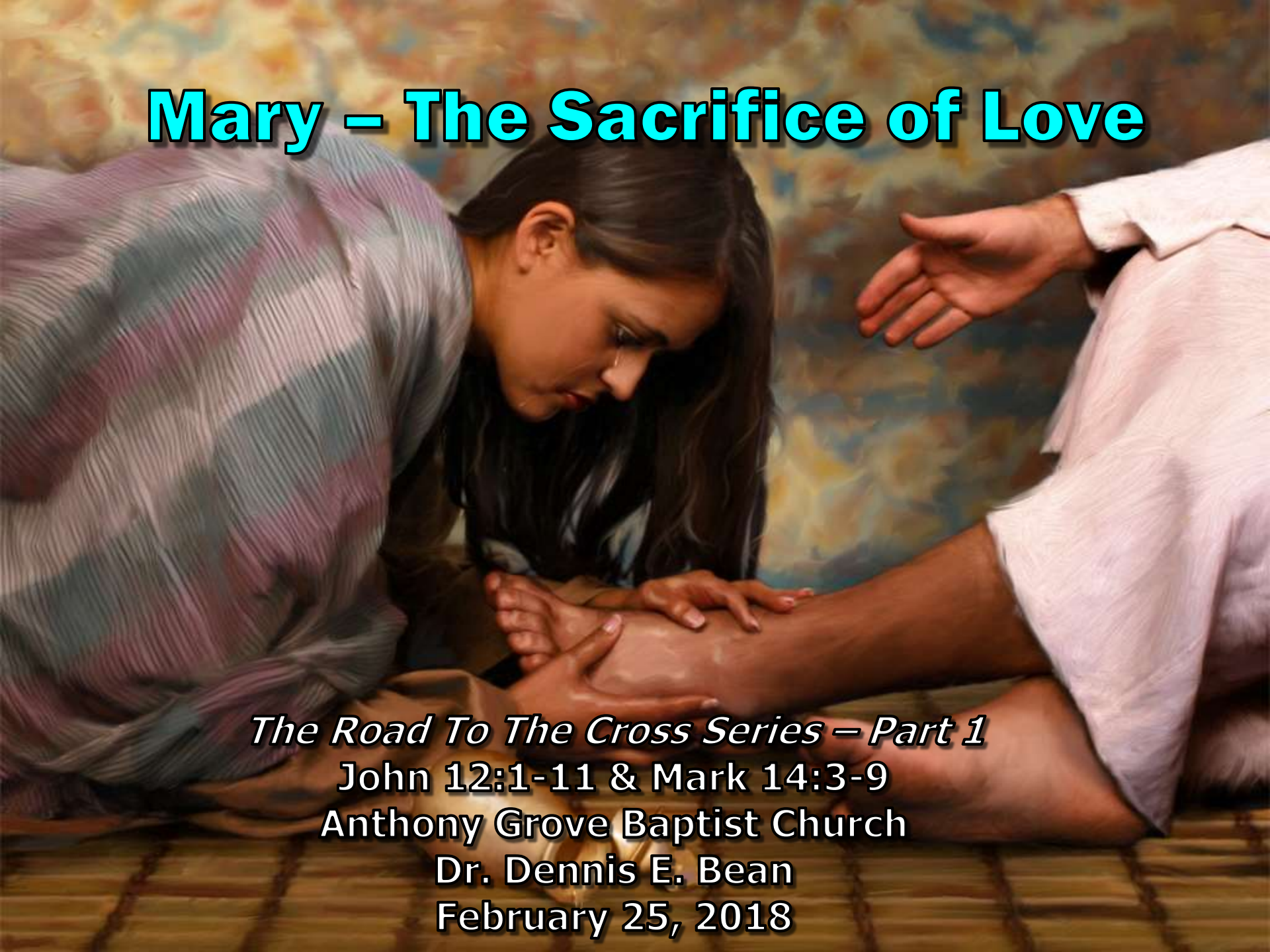
Mary – The Sacrifice of Love
The Road To The Cross Series – Part 1
John 12:1-11 & Mark 14:3-9
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John 12:1–11

1 Six days before the Passover,
Jesus arrived at Bethany, where
Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had
raised from the dead. 2 Here a
dinner was given in Jesus' honor.
Martha served, while Lazarus
was among those reclining at the
table with him.

3 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. . . . 9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 So the chief priests made
plans to kill Lazarus as
well, 11 for on account of
him many of the Jews were
going over to Jesus and
putting their faith in him.

Mark 14:3–9

3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at
the table in the home of a man known
as Simon the Leper, a woman came
with an alabaster jar of very expensive
perfume, made of pure nard. She broke
the jar and poured the perfume on his
head. 4 Some of those present were
saying indignantly to one another,
"Why this waste of perfume?

5 It could have been sold for more
than a year's wages and the money
given to the poor." And they rebuked
her harshly. 6 "Leave her alone," said
Jesus. "Why are you bothering her?
She has done a beautiful thing to me.
7 The poor you will always have with
you, and you can help them any time
you want. But you will not always
have me.

[8] She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. [9] I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”-- (NIV)

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1. Look At Who Showed Her Love.

John 12:3[3] 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.-- (NIV)

A. Mary Was A Ordinary Woman.

1 Corinthians 1:27[27] But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

B. Mary Did
Did What She Could _____.

Mark 14:8[8] She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.

C. God Provides Whatever He Demands.

James 1:17[17] Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

2. Look At Why She Showed Her Love.

A. She Gave Out of Gratitude.

John 12:1–2[1] Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. [2] Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

Ephesians 2:1

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

B. She Gave Because of Her Communion.

Luke 10:38–42 38 As Jesus and his disciples were
on their way, he came to a village where a
woman named Martha opened her home to him.
39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the
Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But
Martha was distracted by all the preparations
that had to be made. She came to him and asked,
"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to
do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41
"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are
worried and upset about many things, 42 but only
one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is
better, and it will not be taken away from her.

3. Look At Where She Showed Her Love.

A. She Showed Her Love Publicly.

John 12:9[9] Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

B. She Showed Her Love in Conflict _____.

Mark 14:4[4] Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?-

4. Look At ___When___ She Showed Her Love.

Mark 14:1[1] Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him.-- (NIV)

Ephesians 5:16

16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Luke 24:1

[1] On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.-- (NIV)

5. Look At What She Did To Show Her Love.

A. She Gave Her All.

Mark 14:3[3] . . . , a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

B. She Gave Her Best.

John 12:3[3] 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.

C. She Gave Her Glory.

1 Corinthians 11:15[15] but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering.

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