
Jesus Anointed

Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8

1. Read the passage in all three Gospels and list some of the details below that each Gospel adds to this event.

2. Read the following passages (below) and discuss the setting in which this event occurred. Describe the sentiment of the crowds and the chief priest and the Jews.

Matthew 26:3-5

Mark 14:1-2

John 11:53-54

John 12:10-11

3. The perfume (or ointment) that Mary used is described (by Judas) as being worth 300 denarii. This was about a year's wages. How is this extravagant display of affection and worship misunderstood by Judas and the disciples? Does Judas have a point in saying that this could have been sold and given to the poor?

4. Describe the hearts (as viewed by their actions) of the following characters in the story.

Mary

Judas

The Disciples

5. After this feast, the crowd that had heard about Lazarus came to see Jesus. They were excited because Jesus had returned to Bethany and they wanted to see him. Read the following passages and note the motivations for the crowd.

John 12:11

John 12:18

John 12:42-43

6. How does this story of extravagant worship vs. valuing worldly riches apply to us today? Read the following passages and comment on their relation to this story.

Matthew 13:44-46

Luke 14:25-33