

MARY'S ANOINTING OF JESUS  
Mathew 26:6-13 Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him.

Then Mary took an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard, broke the vial and poured it on Jesus' head and anointed His feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

When the disciples saw this, some were indignant and said, "Why this waste?" This perfume could have been sold at a high price (over 300 denarii), and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to Me. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on My body beforehand to prepare for My burial.

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."