



Matthew 26:1-13

- Matt. 26:1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,
- Matt. 26:2 “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”
- Matt. 26:3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,
- Matt. 26:4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.
- Matt. 26:5 But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”
- Matt. 26:6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,
- Matt. 26:7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.
- Matt. 26:8 But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?
- Matt. 26:9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.”
- Matt. 26:10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.
- Matt. 26:11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.
- Matt. 26:12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.
- Matt. 26:13 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

And, from the other Gospels...

- Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard (worth three hundred denarii). Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.
- John 12:3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

Observations & Discussion

1. Read vs. 2-5 carefully.

When did Jesus say that He would be crucified?

When did the chief priests, scribes & elders want to kill Jesus?

Was Jesus crucified **on** or **after** the Passover Feast?

What do the above facts teach us about the balance between God's will and Man's will?

2. In our text Jesus was very clear regarding what was about to happen to Him. What did Mary hear that the disciples all seemed to miss? What's the lesson for you in your relationship with Jesus?

3. Compare the accounts of Matthew, Mark, and John on the front of this page and make a list showing...

The descriptions of Mary's gift

The method in which Mary gave her gift

4. According to vs. 13 Mary's gift was very significant to Jesus. Why do you think He appreciated it so much?

5. How is Mary's gift and the way that she gave it an act of worship?

6. What can you apply in your worship of Jesus from Mary's example? (see also 2Sam. 24:24).