
Friendship with God
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Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in **Bethany, the home of Lazarus**—the man he had raised from the dead. 2 A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. **Martha served**, and Lazarus was among those who ate[a] with him. 3 Then **Mary** took a twelve-ounce jar[b] of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she **anointed Jesus' feet** with it, wiping his feet with her hair. **The house was filled with the fragrance.**

John 12:1-3 (NLT)

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Bethany means - house of barrenness or misery

Jesus chooses to go to Bethany for:

**Friendship**
**Fellowship**
**Comfort**

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# Friends of Jesus:

**Host Him**

**Serve Him**

**Worship Him**

"...The house was filled with the fragrance."
John 12:3B (NLT)

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[10] **He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.** [11] He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. [12] But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. [13] They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

[14] **So the Word became human and made his home among us**. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

John 1:10-14 (NLT)

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[14] But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. [15] **Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God**. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. [16] To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NLT)

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4 But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him,
said, 5 “That perfume was worth a year’s wages.[a] It should
have been sold and the money given to the poor.” 6 Not that
he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in
charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself.
7 Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for
my burial.

John 12:4-7 (NLT)

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