



## WEDNESDAY

Trail to Victory Episode 4 of 8

TODAY'S SUMMARY: THERE IS NO RECORD IN THE GOSPELS ABOUT JESUS CONSISTENT MOVEMENT ON THIS DAY. HOWEVER, MUCH OF THIS DAY'S ACTIVITY INVOLVES JESUS PREPARATION FOR LAST SUPPER. ALSO, THERE IS PREPARATION BY JUDAS AND SANHEDRIN FOR JESUS' ARREST. JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES REMAIN IN BETHANY AND THEY SPEND THE NIGHT THERE. DURING THIS DAY, THE WOMAN WITH THE ALABASTER JAR OCCURS.

### THE RICH MAN

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

"Which ones?" he inquired.

Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:16-26

Peter answered him, We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us? Matthew 19:27

### BETHANY – ABOUT 1.5 MILES AWAY FROM JERUSALEM

#### THE ALABASTER JAR

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

Matthew 26:6-7

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. Why this waste? they asked. Matthew 26:8

This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor. Matthew 26:9

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

Matthew 26:10-12

Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.

Matthew 26:13

Then, one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you? ... Matthew 26:14-15

So they counted out for him 30 pieces of silver. Matthew 26:15

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*From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.*  
Matthew 26:16

*After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."*  
John 13:21

*As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly."* John 13:27

*But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him.*  
John 13:28

*When he was gone, Jesus said, Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him.* John 13:31

### **GOD'S HAND CANNOT BE FORCED.**

*When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.* Matthew 27:3

*I have sinned, he said, for I have betrayed innocent blood. What is that to us? they replied. That's your responsibility. So Judas threw the money into the temple and left.*  
Matthew 27:4-5

*Then he went away and hanged himself.* Matthew 27:5

### **WHEN WE SURRENDER, GOD TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE JOURNEY.**

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