

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 26 • Session 1 JESUS WAS ANOINTED Matthew 26; Mark 14; John 12

## HOW IS JESUS THE PERFECT PRIEST? JESUS WAS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE FOR SIN, AND HE SPEAKS TO GOD THE FATHER FOR US TODAY.

The time was coming to celebrate the Passover. Every year, the Jewish people gathered together to remember a special event that happened long ago. When God's people were slaves in Egypt, God did great things to rescue His people. God had used Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to the promised land. God did not want the people to forget that time, so every year, the Jews had a feast.

Jesus and His disciples went to Simon's house for a meal. Jesus was reclining at the table when Lazarus' sister Mary came to Him. She had a jar of very expensive oil. Mary broke open the jar and poured the oil on Jesus' head and feet.

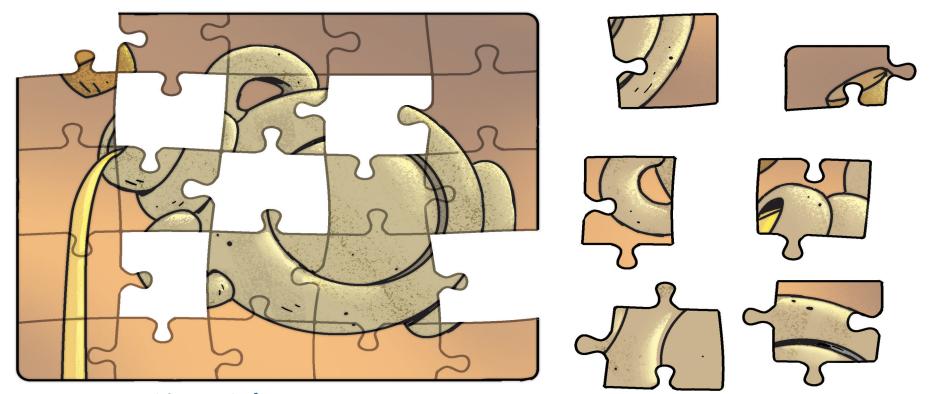
Some of Jesus' disciples were very upset! They thought Mary had wasted the expensive oil by pouring it on Jesus.

They told Mary that she had done the wrong thing, but Jesus spoke up. "Leave her alone," He said. "She has done a very good thing for Me."

Then Jesus explained, "You will always have people around you who are poor, but you will not always have Me. Mary has poured oil on My body to get it ready for burial."

Jesus said that wherever the gospel was told in the whole world, people would also hear about Mary and what she had done.

Christ Connection: Pouring the expensive oil on Jesus was not a waste; it was worship. By allowing Mary to anoint Him, Jesus showed that He is more valuable than anything. Jesus knew He would soon die, be buried, and rise from the dead on the third day to rescue sinners. **Complete the Puzzle** Use the grid to draw in the missing puzzle pieces. Use the pieces below as a guide.



**How Can You Worship God?** Mary worshiped Jesus when she anointed Him with oil. Write two or three ways you can worship Jesus.

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