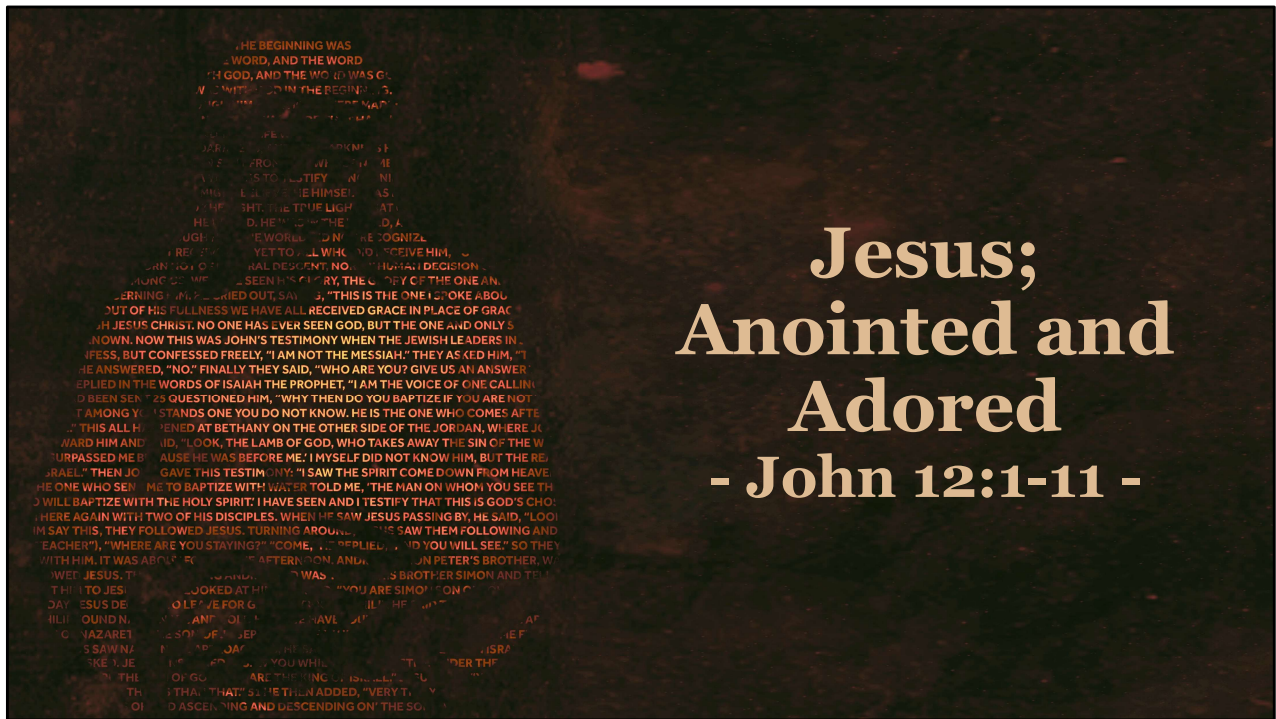


Esther!
Purim!

Dinners!

Dinners can bring justice to the wicked OR Sacrifice to the righteous



Many people make this passage about Mary, and somewhat rightly so, But she was all focused on Jesus! Its really about Him!

Like the Tuxedo commercial: When everyone is looking at her, she'll be looking at you. Mens wearhouse

Jesus; Anointed and Adored - John 12:1-11

- Mary is mentioned 3 times in scripture, what do these verses tell us of her? Lk.10:38-42, Jn.11:32, 12:1-11
- There are 3 other accounts very similar to this one, are they the same event? Mt.26:6-14, Mk.14:1-10, Lk.7:36-50
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- Was this extravagant worship or exasperating waste? Few American Christians have ever worshipped sacrificially or with extravagance, have you ever? Why not? really, why not?
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- What message is there in contrast to the concern for the poor? Better spent on poverty?

- When's the last time your depth of thankfulness became a dinner in someones honor?
- Who hosted this dinner? What does that say?
- What were Martha, and Lazarus doing?
- What lessons are to be taken from the specifics of "**hair**", at His "**feet**", "**perfume**" and the type?
- How was Judas exposed, due to this event?
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Broken and poured out, John 12

† 4 similar passages: Mt 26:6-, Mk 14:1-, Lk 7:36

† Additional Info:

- Dinner Host: a Pharisee, Simon the Leper, Bethany or Galilee
- All said Woman washed feet with hair, costly perfume
- 2 said she poured it on Jesus' head, 2 say His feet
- 2 Focus on Simon, 2 focus on Lazarus as hosts, also Judas!
- Luke Describes her as "a sinner", tears / kisses! In Galilee?
- John: Lazarus, Martha and Mary! Cost, Judas! Burial, Passover

Is this similar to Jesus cleansing the Temple? We now believe there were 2 cleansings! 1 at the beginning, here in John, the other just before His crucifixion. Makes sense! So 2 feet washings?

Broken and poured out? The perfume or the woman?!

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[2Ti 4:6 NASB20] 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

[Num 15:5 NASB20] 5 and you shall prepare wine for **the drink offering**, a fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, **for each lamb**. Vs.7, 10, 24

Lk "in Galilee"? **Early** in Jesus' ministry, hosted by Pharisee named Simon, Jn.12 **only days from Crucifixion**

Sinful woman is assured of personal salvation Lk.7:50, Mary will be remembered with the gospel for preparing Jesus for burial, Salvation assured for all

Mt. calls the host Simon the Leper, in Bethany

[Luk 7:46-50 NASB20] 46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. 47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little, loves little." 48 And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven." 49 And [then] those who were reclining [at the table] with Him began saying to themselves, "Who is this [man] who even forgives sins?" 50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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Simon the Leper x2, Bethany Mt.26:6, Mk.14:3, Lk.7:40 (doesn't say Leper) note says Galilee

Jn.12:1 Bethany (not simon or leper) **Bethany Mt.26, Mk.14, Jn.12**

Host is a Pharisee: Lk.7:36, 39

Host is a Leper Mt.26:6, Mk.14:3

Alabaster Vial Mt.26:7, Mk.14:3, Lk.7:37,

Jn.12 pure nard, nothing about the box

Jn12:5 300 denarii (a years wages)

Jesus head Mt.26:7, vs.12 body too, Mk.14:4

Jesus feet Lk.7:38, 44-47 **and tears and kissing, Jn.12:3**

Could've been given to the poor Mt.26:8-9 (disciples were indignant, Mk.14:4)

Mk.14:5 also 300 denarii, ,

A debtor owed 500 denarii Lk.7:41-43, doesn't mention give to the poor

Judas is specified calling this waste Mt.26:8! Give to the poor. **Jn.12:5-8**

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Why in Red?

She washed His feet **from behind** Him. To avoid appearance of impropriety?
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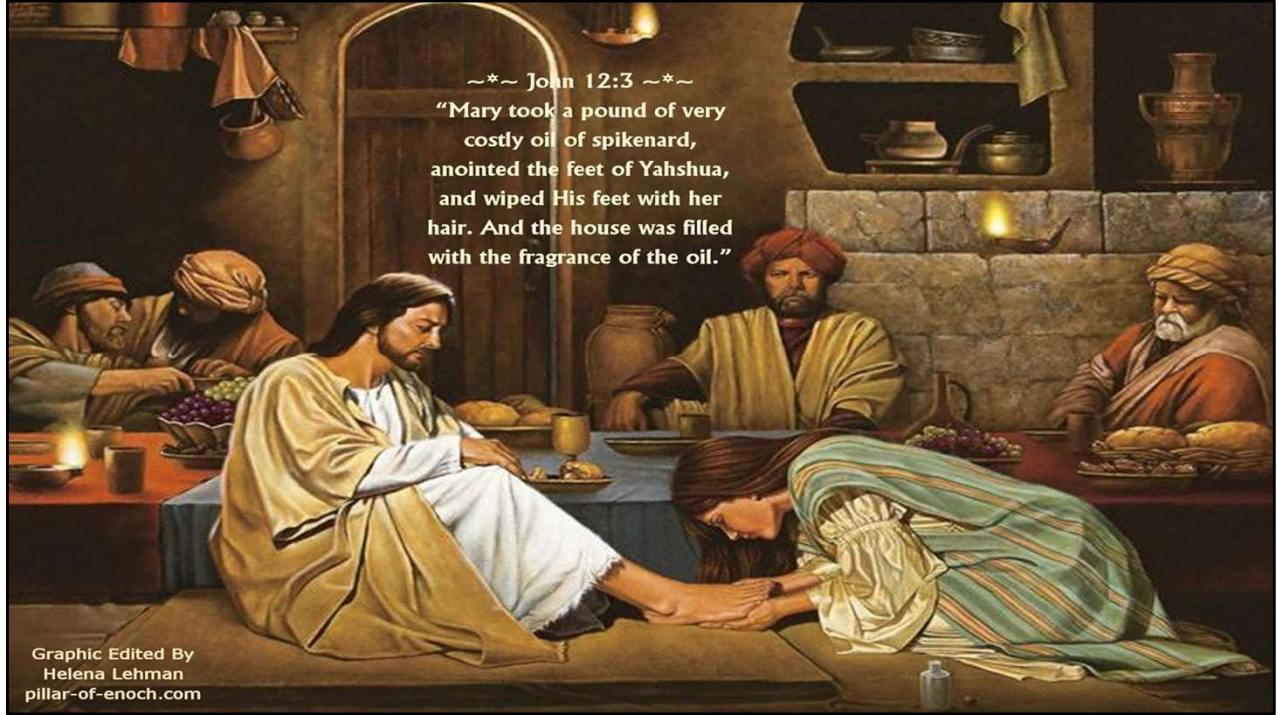
Mary wasn't trying to escape work!!!
She valued far more to sit at His feet in worship and learning



Jn.11:32

Jesus wept AFTER He saw Mary kneel, weeping

Inquiries, not indictments!



John 12:1-11

Why did no man then step down to wash His feet too?

The Average American Christian gives an Average yearly gift:

The Greatest Generation	\$1,367	Before 1945
Boomers	\$1,212	Between 1946-1964
Generation X	\$732	Between 1965-1980
Millennials	\$481	Between 1981-1995

Matthew 6:21 “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



Details

- ‡ Host? Simon the Leper? Pharisee? Martha?
- ‡ Why Hair? Hair is “a glory’ to her! - 1 Cor 11
- ‡ Why His feet? The very 1st Messianic Prophecy “you shall bruise Him on the heel.” - Gen 3:15
- ‡ Why perfume? Mt 2:11, 2 Cor 2:14-16, Jn 12:7

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Martha was serving at someone else's house?!!
Since it was done for His burial, did Mary know?

[1Co 11:15 NASB20] 15 but **if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her?** For her hair is given to her as a covering.

[Gen 3:15 NASB20] 15 And I will make enemies Of you and the woman, And of your offspring and her Descendant; He shall bruise you on the head, And **you shall bruise Him on the heel.**"

[Gen 37:25 NASB20] 25 Then they sat down to eat a meal. But as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying labdanum resin, balsam, and myrrh, on their way to bring [them] down to Egypt.

[Est 2:12 NASB20] 12 Now when the turn came for each young woman to go in to King Ahasuerus, after the end of her twelve months under the regulations for the women-- for the days of their beauty treatment were completed as follows: six months with oil of

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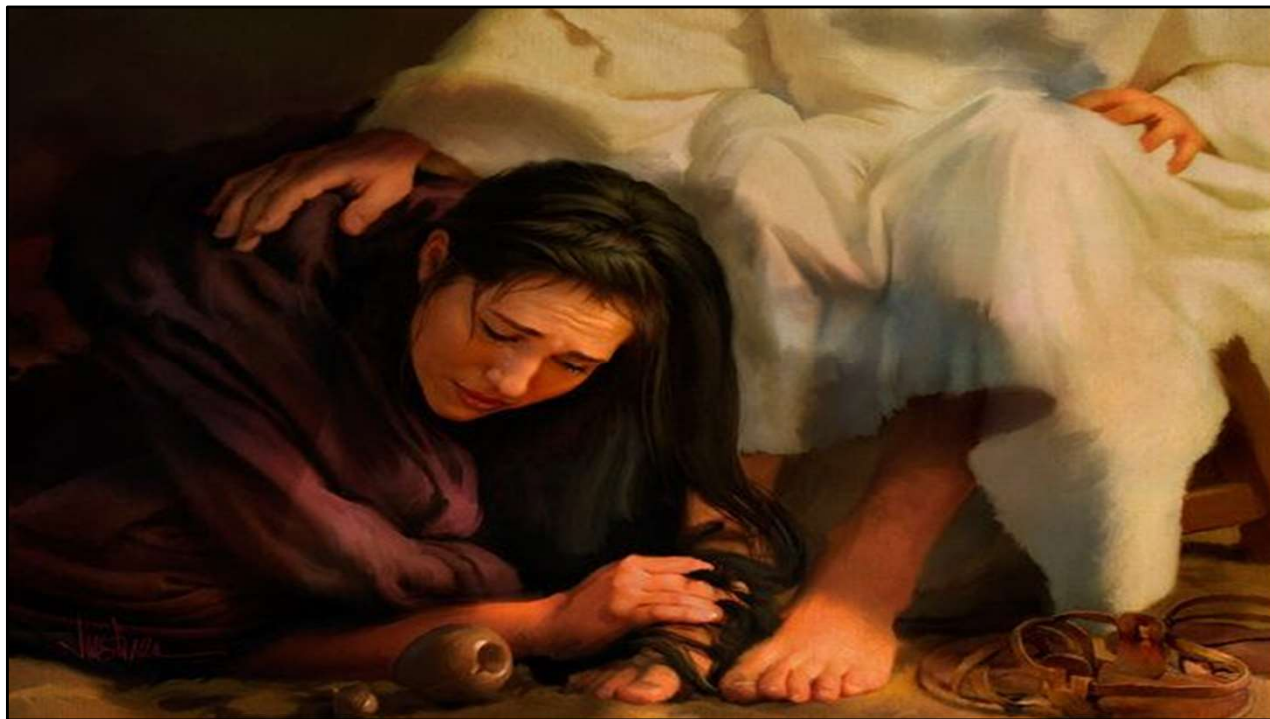
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Why this waste? Give to the poor

- † We ARE to care for the Poor!
- † Beware of the evil who Hijack God's truth (social justice) for personal profit! Judas!!!
- † Are you **given** to "Hospitality"?
- † Ever sacrifice or give lavishly to the Lord?

Indignant: [Mat 26:8 NASB20] 8 But **the disciples were indignant** when they saw [this,] and said, "Why this waste?" Did Judas influence them or did they think the same?

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It is extremely curious that Judas response to this extravagant display of Love was to go right to the Pharisees for 30 pieces of silver!

When's the last time your depth of thankfulness became a dinner in someone's honor?
How long does your gratitude last? Ask the wicked manager in Mt.18
What were Martha, and Lazarus doing?
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[Rom 12:13 NASB20] 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, **practicing hospitality.**

[1Ti 3:2 NASB20] 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one

wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, **hospitable**, skillful in teaching,
[1Ti 5:10 NASB20] 10 having a reputation for good works; [and] if she has brought up children, if she has **shown hospitality to strangers**, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, [and] if she has devoted herself to every good work.
[Heb 13:2 NASB20] 2 **Do not neglect hospitality to strangers**, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

[Pro 14:21, 31 NASB20] 21 One who despises his neighbor sins, But one who is gracious to the poor is blessed. ... 31 One who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, But one who is gracious to the needy honors Him.

[Pro 19:17 NASB20] 17 One who is gracious to a poor person lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.

[Pro 21:13 NASB20] 13 One who shuts his ear to the outcry of the poor Will also call out himself, and not be answered.

[Pro 22:9 NASB20] 9 One who is generous will be blessed, Because he gives some of his food to the poor.

[Pro 28:27 NASB20] 27 One who gives to the poor will never lack [anything,] But one who shuts his eyes will have many curses.

[Pro 29:7 NASB20] 7 The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor; The wicked does not understand [such] concern.

[Pro 31:9 NASB20] 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, And defend the rights of the poor and needy.



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Mary cannot hide her love	Judas is secretly a thief and traitor
Mary is criticized	Judas criticizes her and Jesus
Mary humbly kneels	Judas arrogantly walks away
Mary is selfless	Judas is selfish
Mary is remembered in honor	Judas is remembered in Infamy

Just a few days before, Jesus, Mary, and Martha were confronted by the stench of Lazarus' decaying body. Now, with Lazarus, they are basking in the aroma of luxurious perfume

So imminent is Jesus' death that he blesses Mary's gesture as perfectly acceptable in the context of an expected pattern of service to the poor, as if to say, "You will rightly be loving and serving the poor at all times, but this is truly my death week" (v. 8). As the Gospel of John repeatedly shows us, Jesus knew he was going to die.

, it is tempting to be attracted by a vision of the Christian life that is filled with warm hospitality and even extravagant worship, but that has no real room in it for a suffering and dying Lord or for the dying-to-ourselves way of life into which Jesus calls us. We worship a Lord whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose glory shines especially brightly as he washes his disciples' feet and offers himself on the cross. This is the Lord who calls to us this Lent, "Come, follow me." John D. Witvliet directs the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and teaches at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary

He even betrayed Jesus for money—30 pieces of silver (the price of a gored slave; cf. Ex.

21:32; Zech. 11:12–13).

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Jesus washed Jesus' feet!



Jesus washed the disciples feet!
Within a week! Why weren't the disciples washing Jesus' feet?

Peter got indignant again!

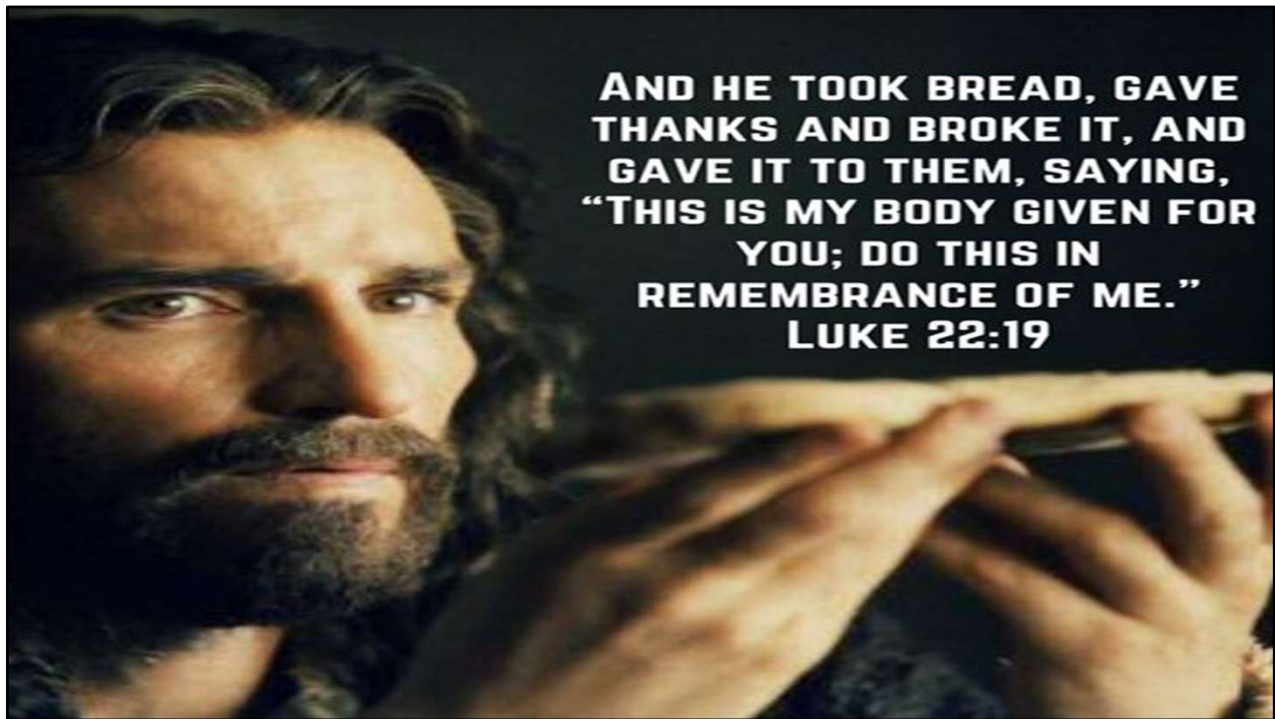
[Luk 5:8 NASB20] 8 But when Simon Peter saw [this,] he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

[Luk 8:41 NASB20] 41 And a man named Jairus came, and he was an official of the synagogue; and **he fell at Jesus' feet**, and [began] urging Him to come to his house;

[Luk 17:16 NASB20] 16 and **he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.**

[Rev 5:8, 14 NASB20] 8 When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ... 14 And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And **the elders fell down and worshiped.**

[Rev 22:8 NASB20] 8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw [them,] I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.



**AND HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE
THANKS AND BROKE IT, AND
GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING,
“THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR
YOU; DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”
LUKE 22:19**



[Luk 22:20 NASB20] 20 And in the same way [He took] the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood.

