

Journey to the Cross

The Anointing at Bethany



Matthew 26:6-13 NRSVUE

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor.”

- Matthew 26:6-13

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But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed - indeed only one.”

- Luke 10:41-42

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- Matthew 26:10-11