

## 100 Bible Stories

### 80. The Anointing

#### Mark 14 (NKJV)

After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. <sup>2</sup>But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

<sup>3</sup>And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. <sup>4</sup>And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, "Why was this waste of the ointment made? <sup>5</sup>For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor." And they murmured against her.

<sup>6</sup>And Jesus said, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. <sup>7</sup>For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. <sup>8</sup>She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. <sup>9</sup>Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

<sup>10</sup>And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

#### John 12

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

<sup>3</sup>Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

<sup>4</sup>Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, <sup>5</sup>"Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

<sup>7</sup>Then said Jesus, "Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. <sup>8</sup>For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

Timing: Mark refers to the meeting of the Sanhedren on Tues of Holy Week, John to Jesus' arrival at Bethany.

Simon, whom Jesus healed of leprosy, holds this meal on Saturday, after the Sabbath, and before Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Judas as treasurer of the company.

Why is this woman not named? Who is she? See below.

Which Mary; Mary the sister of Martha? Mary Magdalene? The woman who washed Jesus feet with her tears?

His is set upon their vesture? What does this mean?

See Psalm 118.