

# **The Last Week Of Jesus' Life - Mary Anoints Jesus**

**Mark 14.3-9; Matthew 26.6-13; John 12.1-8**

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## **Introduction:**

What would you have done if Jesus had come to your house? Prepare the best food, use the best dishes, clean the house, dress in your best clothes, etc.

### **I) The Setting**

- A) Location - Simon the leper's house at Bethany, 2 miles from Jerusalem.**
- B) Time - John records this before Jesus entered Jerusalem on Sunday. Matthew and Mark record this event with the events of the last week.**
- C) Those present - Mary, Lazarus, perhaps Martha, Jesus and His disciples.**
- D) The occasion - a common meal.**
- E) The events; Jesus and His disciples are reclining around the table**
  - 1. Mary takes a pound of ointment (Spikenard) about 12 ounces of liquid.
  - 2. Mary anoints Jesus by breaking the box and pouring the oil on Jesus' head (*Mark 14.3*), and feet (*John 12.3*).
  - 3. Immediately some reacted with horror

- a. Why was this oil wasted? *Mark 14.4 .5*
  - b. It could have been sold and given to the poor
  - c. Judas wanted to steal the money, *John 12.6*
4. Jesus refers to His death, this was in essence preparation for His burial
- a. Did Mary realize His death was near? Probably not.
  - b. However, they had to realize the danger Jesus was in, *Mark 14.1-2; Matthew 26.3-5*

## II) Jesus' Statements and The Lesson

### A) She has done a good work for Me, *Mark 14.6*

- 1. She gave the best she had.
- 2. O. T. example of giving the best, the first fruits (*Ezekiel 20.40*), materials for the tabernacle of meeting in Exodus, the temple of God (*1 Kings 6-8*), *1 Cor. 15.46*
- 3. We are to give our best, *Matthew 22.37-40*
- 4. Why should we give our best? God has given us His best

### B) Me You Do Not Always Have, *Mark 14.7*

- 1. Certain things must be done when the opportunity arises.
- 2. Not all opportunities are or equal value.

3. Some we should not do, some really will not matter, some will be present for a long time, and some will be brief or even once in a lifetime.

**C) She Has She Has Done What She Could, *Mark 14.8***

1. Love is often sacrificial and based on what we can do.
2. We must be willing to do what we can do, *2 Corinthians 8.3*
  - a. Our first fruits are not in competition
  - b. She gave unsparingly, all there was to give, *Mark 12.42ff*
  - c. Do we give the leftovers or the first fruits?
  - d. Story of the rocks

**D) This Woman Will Also Be Spoken of As A Memorial To Her, *Mark 14.9***

1. Great people of the Bible - Moses, Abraham, Joseph, Noah, Abel, Enoch, etc are noted for their faith.
2. God knows those who are His, *2 Timothy 2.19*
3. What we do will be our memorial. What will others say about you? What will Jesus say about you?

**Conclusion:**

What does God see in us? What would you do if Jesus came to your house?