

LESSON 10-02-05

Mary Anoints Jesus

Matthew 26:6-13

Mark 14:3-9

John 12:1-8

Just before the Passover, Jesus and his disciples came to Bethany to the house of Simon the leper. Lazarus was there. Many people had come to see Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead.

While Martha was serving dinner, Mary of Bethany broke open an alabaster box of costly spikenard and anointed the head and feet of Jesus.

Judas, as well as some of the others, were upset that she wasted three hundred pence which could have been given to the poor.

Jesus instructed them that the poor will always be around, but He wouldn't, and the anointing was for His soon-to-be death.

The story of Mary's anointing Jesus is to go with the gospel as a memorial to her.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1. Mary's gift was sacrificial – it cost her a great deal.
2. Martha served – Mary worshipped.
3. Judas' concern was superficial. - He wasn't worried about the poor, he was covering sin.
4. Others joined in Judas' complaint.
5. Mary's sacrifice was declared a memorial by Jesus – a thing to remember.