

A Harmony of the Account of Jesus' Anointing by Mary of Bethany

Matthew 26:6-13

Mark 14:3-9

John 12:1-8

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany

at the house of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him

having an alabaster flask
of very costly fragrant oil,

and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

8 But when His disciples saw it,
they were indignant,

saying,

"Why this waste?

9 "For this fragrant oil might have been sold
for much
and given to the poor."

10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them,
"Why do you trouble the woman?

For she has done a good work for Me.

11 "For you have the poor with you always,

but Me you do not have always.

12 "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My
burial.

13 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in
the whole world,

what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

3 And being in Bethany

at the house of Simon the leper,
as He sat at the table,

a woman came

having an alabaster flask
of very costly oil of spikenard.

Then she broke the flask
and poured it on His head.

4 But there were some
who were indignant among themselves,

and said,

"Why was this fragrant oil wasted?

5 "For it might have been sold
for more than three hundred denarii
and given to the poor."
And they criticized her sharply.

6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone.
Why do you trouble her?

She has done a good work for Me.

7 "For you have the poor with you always,
and whenever you wish you may do them good;
but Me you do not have always.

8 "She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to
anoint My body for burial.

9 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the
whole world,

what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

1 Then, six days before the Passover,
Jesus came to Bethany,
where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised
from the dead.

2 There they made Him a supper;
and Martha served,
but Lazarus was one of those
who sat at the table with Him.

3 Then Mary
took a pound

of very costly oil of spikenard,

anointed the feet of Jesus,
and wiped His feet with her hair.
And the house was filled
with the fragrance of the oil.

4 Then one of His disciples,

Judas Iscariot, Simon's son,
who would betray Him, said,

5 "Why was this fragrant oil
not sold
for three hundred denarii
and given to the poor?"

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor,
but because he was a thief, and had the money box;
and he used to take what was put in it.

7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone;

she has kept this for the day of My burial.

8 "For the poor you have with you always,

but Me you do not have always."