

Mark 14:1-2

It was now two days before the Passover  
and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking  
how to arrest him by stealth and kill him,  
for they said,  
“Not during the feast,  
lest there be an uproar from the people.”

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as he was reclining at table...

John 12:1-8

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Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was,  
whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

So they gave a dinner for him there.  
Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those  
reclining with him at the table.

Mark 14:3

...a woman came with an alabaster flask  
of ointment of pure nard, very costly,  
and she broke the flask  
and poured it over his head.

John 12:1-8

Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment  
made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus  
and wiped his feet with her hair.

The house was filled  
with the fragrance of the perfume.

Mark 14:4-5

There were some who said to themselves indignantly,  
“Why was the ointment wasted like that?  
For this ointment could have been sold  
for more than three hundred denarii  
and given to the poor.”  
And they scolded her.

John 12:1-8

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples  
(he who was about to betray him), said,  
“Why was this ointment not sold  
for three hundred denarii  
and given to the poor?”

John 12:1-8

He said this, not because he cared about the poor,  
but because he was a thief,  
and having charge of the moneybag  
he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Mark 14:6-8

But Jesus said, “Leave her alone.

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Jesus said,  
“Leave her alone,  
so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.  
The poor you always have with you,  
but you do not always have me.”

## MATTHEW-MARK

Two days before...

Bethany

Simon the Leper

A woman

Pure nard

Jesus' head

Leave her alone

Judas angry,

betrayed Jesus

## JOHN

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“where Lazarus was”

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John 21:25

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did.

Were every one of them to be written,  
I suppose that the world itself could not contain  
the books that would be written.

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## MATTHEW-MARK

Bethany

Simon the Leper

A woman

Pure nard

Jesus' head

Grumbling about  
cost

## LUKE

Town in Galilee

a Pharisee, named Simon!

A sinful woman

Perfume

Jesus' feet (tears)

Grumbling about her  
sinfulness

LUKEMARKJOHN

Time and place

Galilee

Bethany

Bethany

Host

Simon

Simon

Lazarus?

Woman

sinner

woman

Mary

Action

feet

head

feet

Response 1

sin!

waste!

waste!

Response 2

forgive

worship

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Luke 7:47

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But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

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Matthew 20:2

“After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day,  
he sent them into his vineyard.”

1 denarius = 1 day's wage for a laborer  
(= say, \$100)

300 denarii = 300 days wages  
(= \$30,000!)

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,  
but have not love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers,  
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,  
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,  
but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have,  
and if I deliver up my body to be burned,  
but have not love, I gain nothing.

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village.

And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.

And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

But Martha was distracted with much serving.

And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

Luke 10:38-42

But the Lord answered her,  
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled  
about many things, but one thing is necessary.

Mary has chosen the good portion,  
which will not be taken away from her.”

John 11:1-5

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany,  
the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment  
and wiped his feet with her hair,  
whose brother Lazarus was ill.

John 11:1-5

So the sisters sent to him, saying,  
“Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

But when Jesus heard it he said,  
“This illness does not lead to death.  
It is for the glory of God, so that  
the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha  
and her sister and Lazarus.

John 11:17-35

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

John 11:17-35

Martha said to Jesus,  
“Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.  
But even now I know that whatever you ask  
from God, God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him,  
“I know that he will rise again  
in the resurrection on the last day.”

John 11:17-35

Jesus said to her,

“I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though he die,  
yet shall he live, and everyone who lives  
and believes in me shall never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord;  
I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,  
who is coming into the world.”

John 11:17-35

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him...

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

John 11:17-35

When Jesus saw her weeping,  
and the Jews who had come with her also weeping,  
he was deeply moved in his spirit  
and greatly troubled.

And he said, “Where have you laid him?”  
They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

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Mark 14:9

“And truly, I say to you,  
wherever the gospel is proclaimed  
in the whole world,  
what she has done will be told  
in memory of her.”

Mark 14:10-11

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve,  
went to the chief priests  
in order to betray him to them.

And when they heard it,  
they were glad and promised to give him money.  
And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

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