

13 Mary Anoints Jesus with Fragrant Oil

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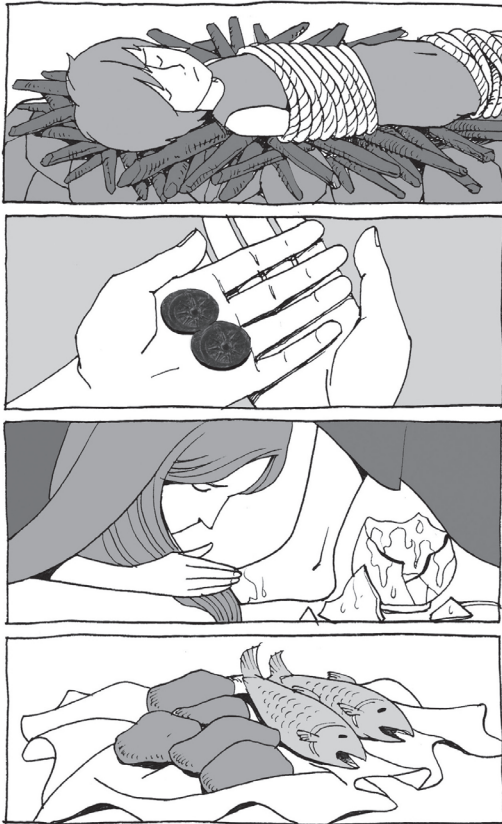
Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, John 12:1-8

Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that Mary was able to give the best to the Lord because she listened closely to the words of the Lord.
2. To understand that continual sacrifices of Christians are needed for the Gospel to be preached.

Open Your Heart



Our love for the Lord must appear through works.

What will I, who love the Lord, give to Him? Write down your thoughts, and put it to practice.



Understanding Today's Lesson

Mary, her sister Martha, and her brother Lazarus lived in Bethany and were a family deeply loved by Jesus. Although Jesus was persecuted wherever He went, they truly loved Jesus, always treated Him warmly, and pleased Him. In the past, the Lord raised Lazarus, who had been sick and dead for four days, through the Word. Jesus called Lazarus His friend.

Six days before Jesus died on the cross, Simon, a leper who was made well in Bethany, held a feast for Jesus at his house. Lazarus, who was raised from the dead, also attended this feast and shared fellowship together with Jesus, while Martha served Jesus and His disciples by diligently working and ministering. At that time, Mary brought an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, poured it on the head of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. Some of the disciples who saw this did not understand the actions of Mary and were indignant, especially Judas Iscariot, who sold Jesus, rebuking it as an act of wasting three hundred denarii. However, Mary was so thankful for the great grace that she had received from Jesus that she wanted to repay Him for His love. Also, while diligently listening to the Word, Mary realized that Jesus had only a few days left before He would die, so she earnestly desired to give what was best to the Lord before His death. The Lord praised Mary for preparing for His burial in advance. He also said that wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what Mary has done will also be told as a memorial to her.

Notes:



Memorizing Bible Verses

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

(John 12:2~3)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Genesis 22:8–12)

(1 Samuel 1:25–28)

(James 1:22–25)



Changing

Directions

Read John 12:1–8 (one of today's passages), and answer the following.

1. Write down what each person, who appears in the passage, is doing.

① Martha:

② Lazarus:

③ Mary:

④ Judas Iscariot:

2. Even though Mary was doing what was good, she received reproach from Jesus' disciples. At that moment, how did Mary react? Who was the one that defended her?

3. The day Jesus died on the cross was the day before the Sabbath. Because they were in a rush to bury His body, they could not pour spices on His body. Thus, on the first day of the week after the Sabbath, the women headed to the tomb to anoint Jesus, but in the end, they were not able to. What was the reason why they could not do this? Read Mark 16:1–6, and write down your answer.

4. Conclusively, Mary became the only one who anointed Jesus' body with spices for His burial. How did Mary know and prepare for His burial when even the disciples did not know? Read Luke 10:38–42, think about it, and then write your answer.

5. The opportunity for me to work for the Lord can pass quickly. Let us think deeply on what I can do for the Lord right now.



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

1.)

2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

To Live According to the Word

Let us pray that I can serve the Lord each day as the most precious person in my life. Just like what Mary had done, let us determine to give to the Lord what is most precious to us for the Gospel.



Our Story

Chastisement: Evidence That You are a Child of God

Pastor, no matter how much I commit sin, God leaves me alone.



I guess I'm being loved like the youngest child.



Hmm...



You are proving yourself that you are not a Christian.



What are you talking about...I have been going to church for such a long time...



If you are a Christian, God will never leave you the way you are right now.

What about you?

(Hebrews 12:6–8) For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Giving What is the Best to God

One morning, a missionary in India coincidentally met a Hindu woman who he had tried to evangelize several times. She was holding two sons in her arms. One of them looked very handsome, smart and was healthy. On the other hand, the other child looked older, was drooling, and was shaking because he was ill. The woman, holding the two children, was in sorrow and fear. When the missionary asked the Hindu woman where she was going, she answered, "I am going to the river to sacrifice one of these children to our gods to atone for my sins." The missionary hurriedly preached about God and the gospel to the woman, but she did not listen. Shortly thereafter, the missionary met the Hindu woman again. However, the child she was with was the sick child who trembled and drooled. The missionary was puzzled, and when he asked about the other child, the Hindu woman said, "Can't you remember? Last time we met, I told you that I was going to the river to sacrifice one of my children to our gods." The missionary was surprised and asked her in this manner, "If you had to give one of your children to your gods, why did you give the child who was smart and handsome instead of this child?" Then the Hindu woman was appalled and replied,

"I don't know how you do things in your religion, but in Hinduism, we offer to the gods the best thing that we have."





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