

Final Journey to Jerusalem—Arrival at Bethany (Friday, March 27, 33)

John 11:55–12:1

11:55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves.

56 So they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?”

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he was to report it, so that they might seize Him.

12:1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

Mary Anoints Jesus for His Burial (Saturday, March 28, 33)

Matthew 26:6–13

Mark 14:3–9

John 12:2–11

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume,

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

8 But the disciples

were indignant when they saw *this*, and said, “Why this waste?

9 For this *perfume* might have been sold for a high price and *the money* given to the poor.”

3 While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper,

and reclining *at the table*, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; *and* she broke the vial and poured it over His head.

4 But some

were indignantly *remarking* to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted?

5 For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and *the money* given to the poor.”

And they were scolding her.

2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.

3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard,

and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him,

said, 5 “Why was this perfume

not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?”

6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

<p>10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,</p> <p>“Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.</p> <p>11 For you always have the poor with you;</p> <p>but you do not always have Me.</p> <p>12 For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.</p> <p>13 Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”</p>	<p>6 But Jesus said,</p> <p>“Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me.</p> <p>7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me.</p> <p>8 She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial.</p> <p>9 Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”</p>	<p>7 Therefore Jesus said,</p> <p>“Let her alone,</p> <p>so that she may keep it for the day of My burial.</p> <p>8 For you always have the poor with you,</p> <p>but you do not always have Me.”</p> <p>9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.</p> <p>10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;</p> <p>11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.</p>
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