

John



John 12:1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

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BACKGROUND

AUTHOR

Generally understood to be the disciple John

DATE WRITTEN

Between 60-65 AD

THEME

To show that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that you may believe in Him

KEY VERSES

John 1:1

Introduction**Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany**

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Mark 14:3

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Unconditional love - financial security

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Unconditional love - social status security
- Read Genesis 3:14

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The Contrast

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The Path to True Discipleship

Mark 14:3-9

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an **alabaster jar** of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

4 **Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another,** “Why this waste of perfume? 5 It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

6 “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. 8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. 11 They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Matthew 26:6-13

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

6 Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. 8 And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? 9 For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” 10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. 12 In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. 13 Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Genesis 3:14

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.