

The Anointing of Jesus Christ

John 12:1-11

Introduction

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“Six days before the Passover”

“Jesus therefore came to Bethany”

I. The Servant-Hearted *Martha*

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“they gave a dinner for him”

“Martha served”

The servant-hearted are honored in the Bible.

Luke 22:27

Matthew 20:28

Luke 12:37

II. The Sacrificial Love of *Mary*

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“pure nard”

“expensive ointment”

“wiped his feet with her hair”

“she poured it on his head” (Matt. 26:7; Mark 14:3).

“She has anointed my body beforehand for burial” (Mark 14:8; Matt. 26:12).

III. The Satanic Hatred of *Judas*

v4 v5 v6

“*Judas Iscariot... (he who was about to betray him)*”

“the son of destruction” John 17:12;

Matthew 26:8

The disciples joined Judas in the protestation of Mary.

IV. The Savior’s Defense

v7 v8 *The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."*

Matthew 26:14-16

Mark 14:9

Proverbs 10:7

Ecclesiastes 7:1

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v10 v11

- ✓ **Martha represents the *works* of Christ in enduring action.**
- ✓ **Mary represents the *worship* of Christ in loving devotion.**
- ✓ **Lazarus represents the *witness* of Christ in living transformation.**

These three key elements comprise the divine intention for the Christian life!