

## John 12:1-11 **Mary anointed Jesus – Plot to kill Lazarus also**

### Jesus anointed by Mary at the house of Simon in Bethany

<sup>1</sup> Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

<sup>7</sup> But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

### Many Jews knew that Jesus was at the house of Simon the leper a Pharisee

#### They came to see Jesus and Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead

<sup>9</sup> Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

### Plot to kill Lazarus also

<sup>10</sup> But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, <sup>11</sup> because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. NKJV

#### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Six days before Passover, Jesus was anointed by Mary the sister of Martha, Lazarus, and Judas Iscariot, daughter of Simon the leper who was a Pharisee. [Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, John 12:1-8]
- ✚ One of the disciples, her brother Judas Iscariot criticized the waste. [Matthew 26:8-9, Mark 14:4-5, John 12:4-6]
  - ✧ Her father Simon said, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." [Luke 7:39]
  - ✧ This gives us a clue that Mary might have been a harlot.
- ✚ Jesus addressed her father Simon who was a Pharisee, saying:
  - ✧ "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it." <sup>41</sup> There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." <sup>44</sup> Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." [Luke 7:40-47] NKJV

- ✚ Jesus forgave Mary of her sins. [Luke 7:48]
  - ✧ Jesus had taught that repentant **harlots** might enter the Kingdom of Heaven, while Chief Priests, Elders, Scribes, and Pharisees might not be allowed in. [Matthew 5:20, 21:31, 8:11-12, 21:31-32, 43, 23:13]
- ✚ Jesus credited it as anointing for His burial. [Matthew 26:10-12, Mark 14:6-8, John 12:7]
- ✚ Jesus made this a memorial for Mary, wherever this Gospel is preached. [Matthew 26:13, Mark 14:9]
  - ✧ There will always be poor among you to help, but Jesus would not always be here to be anointed.

### Many Jews knew that Jesus was at the house of Simon the leper, a Pharisee, in Bethany

- ✚ Many Jews came to see Jesus and Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead. [John 12:9]
  - ✧ The Chief Priests and Pharisees had issued a command that anyone knowing the location of Jesus should come and report it so they could seize Him. [John 11:47-48, 57]
  - ✧ Simon was a Pharisee in whose house Jesus was staying in Bethany.
  - ✧ Many of the Jews knew where Jesus was, yet no one attempted to seize Him.

### Plot to kill Lazarus also

- ✚ The Chief Priests plotted to also put Lazarus to death along with Jesus. [John 12:10]
  - ✧ Because Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, many of the Jews believed in Jesus. [John 12:11, 42-43]
  - ✧ Human nature is so treacherous that men close their eyes to hard evidence, out of fear they may themselves be proven wrong, they lash out to destroy the one with the truth whom they feel is a threat to their own self exalted position.
  - ✧ This illustrates the willful blindness of the hard hearted, arrogant, prideful, rulers.