

Matthew 26:6-13 **Mary Anointed Jesus for Burial**

Jesus anointed with oil

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

Disciples saw a waste

8 But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? 9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

Jesus acknowledged it was for His burial

10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. 11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. 12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

Memorial to Mary

13 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ 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." 41 There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." 44 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. 45 You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. 47 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]