

## Mt. 26:6-13

<sup>6</sup> While Jesus was in Bethany

in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume,

which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant.

“Why this waste?” they asked.

<sup>9</sup> “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

## Mk 14:3-9

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another,

“Why this waste of perfume?”

<sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

## John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover,

Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served,

while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

<sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume;

she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

<sup>5</sup> “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.”



<sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them,

“Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

<sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.

<sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

<sup>13</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>6</sup> “Leave her alone,” said Jesus.

“Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

<sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

<sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.

<sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied.

“It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

<sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”