

After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, more people believed in him as their Savior. This upset the Jewish leaders so much that they decided to kill Jesus. This caused many people to wonder if Jesus would come to Jerusalem for the Passover. Jesus did come to the Passover and on his way to Jerusalem he stopped at the house of Simon in the town of Bethany. Simon held a dinner in honor of Jesus and invited many of Jesus's friends, including his disciples and Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Martha helped served the meal. Lazarus reclined at the table with Jesus and the disciples. But Mary had a special idea about how she could honor Jesus. She had a jar of very expensive perfume that she poured on Jesus' head and feet. Then she knelt down and used her own hair to dry Jesus' feet. The smell of the sweet perfume filled the house.

One of the disciples, Judas Iscariot complained against what Mary was doing, exclaiming, "This perfume is worth a year's wages. Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" Judas was not motivated by concern for the poor, but more by greed for himself. As the person who was in charge of the money for Jesus, he would often steal the money and keep it for himself. Some of the other disciples also started to complain against Mary however, agreeing with Judas saying that the expensive perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor.

Jesus told the disciples to leave Mary alone. He said, "She has done a wonderful thing for me. You will always have poor people to help, but you will not always have me with you." Jesus continued by saying, "Mary poured this perfume on my body to prepare me for my burial. Wherever God's Word is preached throughout the world, people will be told what she has done for me."

**Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus?** (They hated Jesus and did not believe he was the Savior.)  
**Why did some people wonder if Jesus would come to Jerusalem for the Passover?** (It would be dangerous for Jesus to come to the Passover knowing that the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem wanted to have Jesus killed.)

**After Mary anointed Jesus by pouring the perfume on his head and his feet, how did she continue to honor Jesus?** (Mary dried his feet with her hair.)

**What are some ways we can honor Jesus?** (Follow his commands, sing songs of praise, pray to him, tell others about him, serve others, volunteer at church, give offerings, live according to his will.)

**Memory Treasure:** 1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

**Prayer:** Dear God, fill our hearts with faith and love. Keep us close to you so that we honor you in all that we think, say and do. Amen

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