

Gospel of John

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The anointing of Jesus...John 12:1-8

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What initially takes place? **12:2**; (Attendance: Simon + 3 + Jesus + 12 disciples + ?others?)

From a prior record, what do we know of Mary and Martha? **Lu.10:38-42**

What lesson do we all receive from this? **Lu.10:41-42**

In addition to the risk taken by Jesus, what was another risk? **12:10; Mt.26:69-75**

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What did Mary understand about Jesus that even the disciples didn't? **12:7; Mt.27:43; Lu.24:7**

Did anyone in the house miss what Mary did to Jesus? **12:3b** Comment? **Heb.13:16**

What was the wicked response (led by Judas Iscariot)? **12:4-5; Mark 14:3-5** Why? **Jn.12:6**

But, Who has the final rebuke? **12:7-8; Mt.26:10-13; Mark 14:6-9**

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Despite the 'risk', Jesus came to Bethany where Simon, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary lived.

What do we know about the various Mary's in the Gospels? ***Mt.27:56; Mk.15:47; Lu.10:39, etc.***

There are (6) Christian Mary's. Some have surnames (ie Magdalene), others have none.

What initially takes place? ***12:2***; (Attendance: Simon + 3 + Jesus + 12 disciples + ?others?)

The beloved friends of Jesus gave Him a dinner, probably to welcome and thank Him.

From a prior record, what do we know of Mary and Martha? ***Lu.10:38-42***

Martha was busy with dinner preparations. Mary was seated at His feet, listening to Him!

What lesson do *we all* receive from this? ***Lu.10:41-42***

It's easy to get trapped in the 'tyranny of the urgent' and ignore what's really important!

In addition to the risk taken by Jesus, what was another risk? ***12:10; Mt.26:69-75***

There would be a death threat to Lazarus. Risky being supportive of Jesus and Lazarus!

What astounding worship is performed by Mary? ***12:3a; Mt.26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9***

Mary anointed the head/feet of Jesus w/very costly ointment. Price was a full year's wages.

What act of pure love and worship is recorded next? ***12:3b***

Mary took the position of a slave, unloosed her hair (not done publicly), wiped His feet.

What did Mary understand about Jesus that even the disciples didn't? ***12:7; Mt.27:43; Lu.24:7***

She had listened to Him and understood that He must die. Only by God's revelation to her.

Did anyone in the house miss what Mary did to Jesus? ***12:3b*** Comment? ***Heb.13:16***

The fragrance filled (completely) the house. Good works for the Lord are always sweet...

What was the wicked response (led by Judas Iscariot)? ***12:4-5; Mark 14:3-5*** Why? ***Jn.12:6***

He rebuked her for wasting the costly perfume! Give to poor!! But he's a thief; steal it...

But, Who has the final rebuke? ***12:7-8; Mt.26:10-13; Mark 14:6-9***

Jesus rebuked them all, defends Mary. She did it to prepare Me for burial! Her memorial.

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No need to anoint the dead body. She'd already anointed the live body! She the only one?