

PREPARATION FOR JESUS' DEATH, PART 2:
ANOINTING THE SAVIOR
(Matthew 26:6-13)

- I. A CONTROVERSIAL Action (Matt. 26:6-9)
 - A. WHERE it occurred (26:6, 7c)
 1. They were in the town of BETHANY
 2. They were at the home of SIMON the LEPER
 3. Jesus was RECLINING at DINNER
 - B. WHAT happened (26:7a-b)
 1. Jesus was approached by “a WOMAN” (cf. John 12:3)
 2. She was carrying an alabaster vial of EXPENSIVE PERFUME
 3. She poured it ALL on JESUS (cf. John 12:3)
 - C. HOW people responded (26:8-9)
 1. The disciples, especially JUDAS, COMPLAINED (cf. John 12:4-5)
 2. They thought it was an EXTRAVAGENT WASTE
 3. They suggested it should have been SOLD to help the POOR (cf. John 12:5)

- II. A CONSECRATED Acclamation (Matt. 26:10-13)
 - A. REBUKES the disciples (26:10a)
 - 1. Jesus said, “LET HER ALONE” (Mk. 14:6; Jn. 12:7)
 - 2. Jesus asked, “Why are you TROUBLING her?”
 - B. PRAISES Mary’s devotion (26:10b, 12)
 - 1. Her action was GOOD or BEAUTIFUL
 - 2. Her action was related to the PERSON of CHRIST
 - C. VINDICATES Mary’s extravagance (26:11, 13)
 - 1. The VALUE of the perfume couldn’t eliminate POVERTY
 - 2. Jesus would not be WITH THEM much longer
 - 3. She anticipated Jesus’ BURIAL
 - 4. She would be universally PRAISED
 - D. REVEALS three important TRUTHS
 - 1. Jesus expects our PERPETUAL concern for the POOR
 - 2. Jesus demands our PRIMARY concern for CHRIST’S GLORY
 - 3. Jesus predicts WORLD-WIDE ministry of the GOSPEL