

BibleWise

Discussion Questions -- Mary Anointed Jesus

Read John 12: 1-8

- Tell the story of Jesus' visit to Bethany.
- Why was Jesus in town?
- Who served dinner?
- Who anointed Jesus' feet at the supper in Bethany?
- What kind of ointment did Mary put on Jesus' feet? (spikenard)
- What was the cost of this ointment? (300 dinars, equal to a full salary for a common laborer. Philip told Jesus it would take 200 dinars to buy enough bread to feed the 5,000)
- Who objected to this extravagant use of the perfumed ointment?
- What did Judas say should be done with the ointment? What did Jesus say to Judas?
- How would you have felt if you were Judas -- being told you were wrong in front of so many people?
- What do you think Judas did after this event?
- Why was it important for Mary to anoint Jesus' feet?
- Why did Jesus appreciate her kind gesture?