

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Wednesday: Mary Anoints Jesus

READ FROM THE BIBLE:

Matthew 26:6-13 and John 12:1-8

'By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Read the whole passages in your own Bible, or [find them here](#).



TALK IT THROUGH

1. How might Mary have felt, as she walked into the room to anoint Jesus?
2. Have you ever felt that you were making a sacrifice for Jesus, whether financially, or socially, or some other way? What led you to do it? What did other people think?
3. What is the most precious thing in this story?
4. How does this story point forwards to the events at the end of the week?

Why not join the discussion on these questions from 7pm on the Bodmin Team Churches Facebook group? Your thoughts would be very welcome!



THINK IT OVER

Jesus was right when he said that this story would always be part of the good news: it features in some form in all four of the gospels (or 'good news' accounts) that we have.

Mary's action is etched in our collective consciousness because it was deeply sacrificial in so many ways. The financial implications of pouring out such a lot of perfume were, of course, vast. Great too was the social sacrifice in letting down her hair, and publicly touching a man of such honour. This woman gave everything that she had and more to honour Jesus.

Yet even the worth of her actions would be surpassed by the sacrifice that Jesus was about to make. In the comfortable context of dinner with friends, Mary's lavish display turned attention to the most dreadful path that lay ahead for Jesus.



DO IT AT HOME

Try writing a list of all the resources you have in your life. It might include your gifts and skills, your time, your money, your experiences in life, your home, your hobbies, your networks and friendships.

Go through each one prayerfully, asking "How can I use this gift to honour Jesus?"



PRAY

Jesus, you are worth all that I have. Help me pour out my love for you, just as Mary poured out her perfume. Help me live each day with you as the most precious thing in my life. Amen.