

MARY ANOINTS JESUS



- I. Challenge: How can you grow closer to your savior in 2025?

- II. Lessons from Mary of Bethany
 - A. _____ Jesus
 - B. _____ to Jesus
 - C. _____ Jesus

- III. Who was Mary of Bethany
 - A. Mary was from Bethany – 2 Miles East of Jerusalem on the Southeastern slope of the Mt. of Olives.
 - B. Mary had a sister Martha and a brother named Lazarus.
 - C. They were close to Jesus – he stayed at their house and the Bible flat out tells us this (Jn 11:5).
 - D. She was a true believer and stayed focused on Jesus.

- IV. 1st Time we See her – Jesus’ Visit - Mary and Martha – Lk 10:38-42
 - A. What was Martha doing? 29
 - B. What was Mary doing? 38
 - C. What does Martha do? 40
 - D. How does Jesus react? 41-42

E. What lessons do you see here?

V. Death of Lazarus – READ: Jn. 11:1-6, 11:17-44

A. Why does Jesus say this happened in verse 4?

B. Verse 5 says Jesus loved them, so he rushed there in verse 6 right?

C. Verse 19 what have people come to do

D. What do they do when they hear Jesus has arrived?

E. Verses 21-27 – GREAT faith from Martha!

F. Verses 28-29 – When Jesus called, what did Mary do?

G. Verse 33-35 – Why did Jesus weep?

H. Verse 39 – Lazarus is not a little dead, they are worried about the smell!

I. Why did Jesus pray aloud in verse 42?

J. Verse 44 – “Unbind him and let him go.”

VI. Mary Anoints Jesus – READ: Jn 12:1-8

A. What is getting ready to happen to Jesus? 1

B. What did Mary do? 3

C. What was the significance of this? 7-8

VII. Discussion Questions

a. What do you think Jesus meant by “She has chosen the good portion”? Lk. 10:42

b. Why do you think Mary never “defended” herself when Martha questioned her in Lk 10 or when the disciples did when she anointed Jesus in John 12?

c. Mary seemed to understand what is truly about to happen with Jesus. How do you think she knew this?

d. What lessons from Mary of Bethany can we apply to our lives?