



2011

Go And Make Disciples

The Cross and Beyond

Lesson 1: Jesus Anointed in Bethany

Scripture

John 11:55- 12:8
 Matthew 26:6-13
 Mark 14:3-9

Memory Verse

Come, let us worship
 and bow down, Let us
 kneel before the
 LORD our Maker.
 Psalm 95:6 (NASB)

Lesson Goals

Understand that
 Jesus came to save
 people from their
 sins.

Learn that Mary
 loved Jesus

Learn that Mary
 showed her love for
 Jesus in her worship
 of Him

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

The birth of Jesus was the beginning of something new. God came to earth; He moved into the neighborhood. (John 1:14 MSG) Why would He do something like that? He told Joseph during a dream, “[Mary] is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That is because **He will save His people from their sins.**” (Matthew 1:21 NIV) And when He announced the birth of His Son to the shepherds, God told us who all of this was for. “I bring you good news of great joy. It is for **all the people.** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to **you.**” (Luke 2:10b-11a NIV)

God provided salvation for all people in the death of Jesus on the cross. In this season of lessons we will begin with the cross. Later, we will look back to the life Jesus lived and His teachings. We will do this through all four of the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These are the first four books of the New Testament. They weren't written carelessly, instead they were inspired (or breathed) by God with a purpose. These books, along with the rest of Scripture, are useful for teaching us what is true. They are useful for correcting our mistakes and making our lives whole again. And they are useful for training us to do what is right. (2 Timothy 3:16 NIV)

There is no greater example of what is true and whole and right than the death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let's jump into the story just six days before the Passover Feast. This feast was a remembrance of God's salvation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. Every Jew went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Even though Jesus knew that men were looking for Him, to arrest Him, He also headed toward Jerusalem, but this night He could be found in the town of Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. These three were close friends of Jesus.

When the Jews found out that Jesus was in Bethany they went there to see Him. They found him at the home of Simon, who was giving a dinner to honor Jesus. Martha, who always seemed to be cooking and in the kitchen, served the dinner. Lazarus was one of the many that sat at the table with Jesus.”

Then, Mary came in with a sealed, alabaster jar of pure nard. It was a very expensive perfume. The jar held a pound (about a pint, or 2 cups) of the perfume. Mary “broke the jar open and poured the perfume on Jesus' head” and anointed Jesus' feet with it. (Mark 14:3, John 12:3) Then she wiped His feet with her long hair. “The house was filled with the sweet smell of the perfume.” (John 12:3 NIV) What a beautiful gift!

“But Judas Iscariot didn't like what Mary did. He was one of Jesus' disciples. . . ‘Why wasn't this perfume sold? Why wasn't the money given to poor people. It was worth a year's pay.’ He didn't say this because he cared about

Application

By anointing Jesus' head and feet, Mary worshipped God.

Do you know what it means to worship God? Well, worship is offered to the one you find worthy.

When someone is worth you feel the need to love and adore that person. Understanding that, we worship God with our love and adoration of Him.

Our love and adoration of God can be expressed through song. It can be expressed in our service to Him. It can also be expressed by pouring out to Jesus what we find precious (like Mary's perfume).

What is important to you? Are you willing to offer it to Jesus because you realize only He is worthy to be loved and adored. What you offer may be used up, as Mary's perfume was. Or God may show you how you can use for Him that thing that you find so important.

What's your choice? Will you be selfish, like Judas, holding on to all that you can grab or will you pour out to God and offer to Him those things that you cherish the most?

the poor." (John 12:4-6 NIV) Judas was a thief. He was in charge of the disciple's money and liked to help himself to it whenever he could. And even though Judas' motives were impure, there were others who found fault with Mary.

Jesus asked them why they were bothering Mary. "She has done a beautiful thing to me. You will always have poor people with you. You can help them any time you want to. But you will not always have me." (Mark 14:6b-7 NIV) Jesus explained that Mary did what she could do with what she had. This wasn't a need; Jesus didn't need to be anointed with expensive perfume. It was an act of worship. It was Mary's way of honoring Jesus and the Lord of her life. She loved Him, and this is how she showed Him.

Jesus explained that Mary anointing Him with this perfume was preparation for His death and burial. Jesus was trying to remind them how this week would end. He had come down from heaven to die and the time was near.

Then Jesus said of Mary, "What I'm about to tell you is true. What she has done will be told anywhere the good news is preached all over the world. It will be told in memory of her." (Mark 14:9 NIV)

Preparing for the Next Lesson

The Triumphal Entry



Preschool Lesson

Teachers:

Fill your Bible Study area with fragrance. Use air freshener, plug ins, spray cologne, potpourri, etc.

Doesn't it smell wonderful in here? The wonderful smell reminds me of a story from the Bible, of a lady who did a wonderful thing for Jesus.

We read in the Bible that a man named Simon wanted to honor Jesus. Simon gave a dinner and invited people to this dinner. Some of Jesus' special friends were invited. The disciples were there. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were there, as well, and Jesus had visited in their home many times.

Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus and Simon. Martha loved to cook and be in the kitchen, so she was serving the food for the dinner. When Mary came in she was holding a beautiful, white jar in her hands.

What Mary did next surprised people. Mary broke open the jar and, oh, what a smell! The jar was full of perfume. It was a very expensive perfume. It was worth about a year's wages. Mary didn't save the perfume and use it for herself. Mary poured all the perfume on Jesus' head and on His feet. Then, she leaned over and wiped His feet with her hair.

Some of the people there were actually upset that Mary had done this. Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, was the main one. He asked why she had wasted the perfume instead of selling it and giving the money to the poor. The Bible tells us, though, that Judas didn't really care about the poor. Judas was a thief. Even though he was in charge of the disciples' money, he helped himself to it whenever he could.

Jesus told Judas and the others not to bother Mary. All over the world, when people talked about the good news they would also talk about the wonderful thing Mary had done for Jesus.

Mary had given all she had by pouring out her perfume on Jesus. All Judas could think about was taking all that he could. Who are you like? What can you give Jesus?



Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Create motions for the memory verse. Repeat until the verse has been learned.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Make your own perfume. Recipes are available on-line
- Run relays to see which team can get to the perfume bottle the fastest.
- Sing Steve Green's "Broken and Spilled Out," and "Come Let Us Worship" (Psalm 95:6-7).
- Read Matthew 26:13. What is the gospel? Where will it be preached? What news will be shared along with the gospel?
- Find Jerusalem and Bethany on a map.

**Come,
let us worship
and bow down,
Let us kneel
before the LORD
our Maker.
Psalm 95:6**

Trace the letters.

Mary

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Focus on the Story

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Story Title:

Scripture Refernces:

Main Characters:

Story Summary:

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Where?

What?

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Word Search

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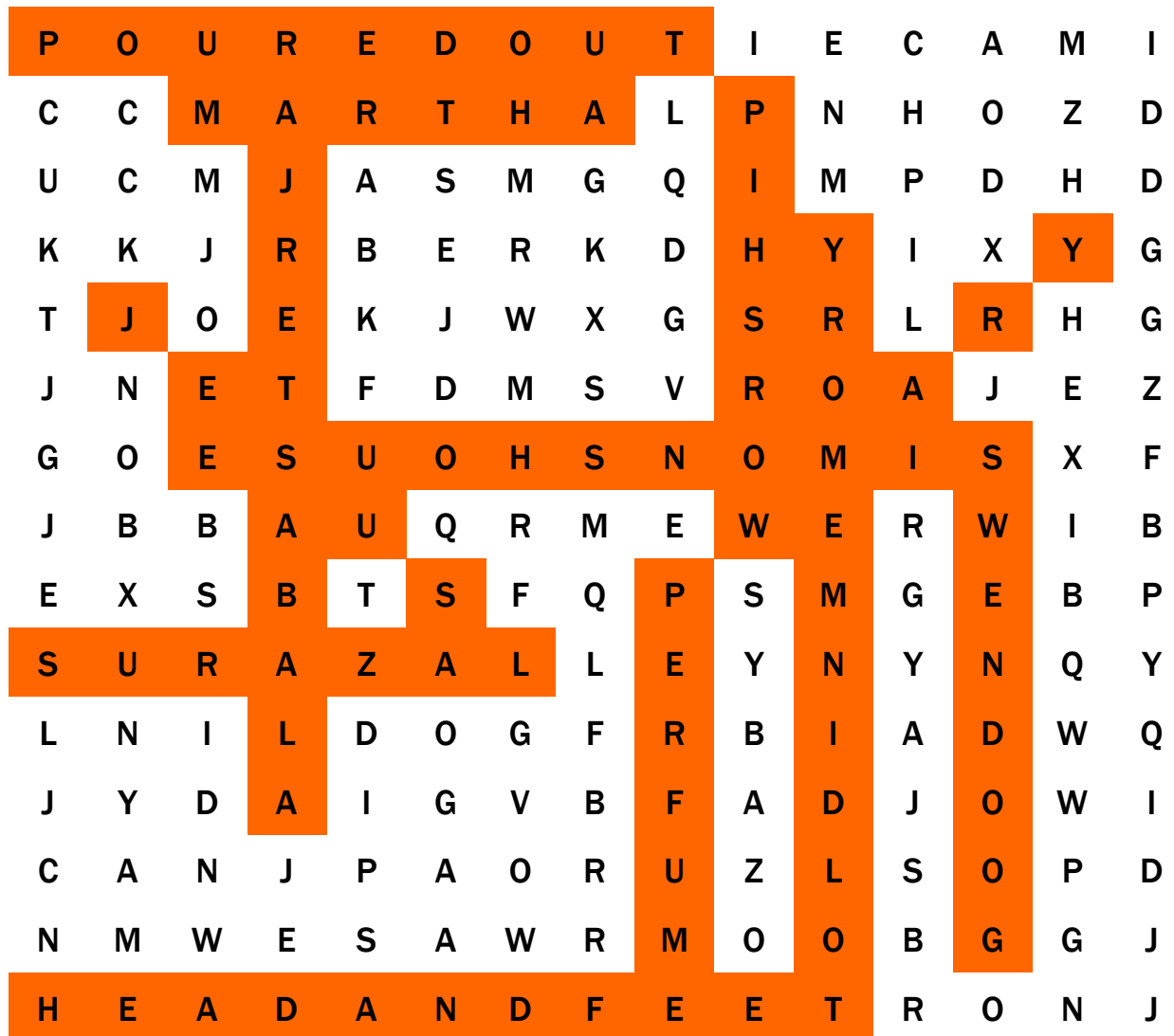
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