

Chapter 12

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(1) Then six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He raised from the dead.^a

(2) There they made Him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

(3) Then Mary took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the aroma of the ointment.

(4) Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said

(5) Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

(6) He said this, not because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the {money} bag, and carried what was put in it.

(7) Then Jesus said, **Let her alone: she has done this for the day of My burial.**

(8) **Because the poor you always have with you; but Me you do not always have.**

(9) Many people of the Jews therefore knew that He was there: and they did not come for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom He had raised from the dead.

(10) But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus to death also;

(11) Because of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

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12:1a – six days before the Passover {which was the following Thursday}. I.e. He came to Bethany during the day on Friday, Nisan 8 {1/8} [March-April] then had supper {which began the new day – the Sabbath; Saturday} – see Appendix K: What Day of the Week was Jesus Crucified?