

Scripture

John 12:1-8 (NLT)

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

- 1 *Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead.*
- 2 *A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.*
- 3 *Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair.*

The house was filled with the fragrance.

- 4 *But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, 5 “That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.”*
- 6 *Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself.*
- 7 *Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”*