

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**MATTHEW 26:6-13**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. When did Jesus eat at the home of Simon the leper?
  - a) Matthew's account tells us it was two days before the Passover. John's account says that it was six days before the Passover. (Matt. 26.2; John 12.1)
  - b) The different accounts have been reordered to emphasize different points.
2. In the account of Mary anointing Jesus with costly perfume, we are approaching death of Christ. Attention is given to the condition of the heart.

**I. THE HEART OF THE MATTER**

- A. The heart of Mary was a heart of gratitude.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.7:** *"a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table."*
  2. John identifies this woman as Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. (John 12.1-3)
    - a) We first read of these siblings in Luke 10.38-22.
    - b) In context, we are reading about a celebration. (John 11.43,44)
  3. The heart of Mary is revealed by what she does. (cf. Prov. 23.7)
    - a) **JOHN 12.3:** *"Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard"* (v. 5)
    - b) **JOHN 12.3:** *"anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair."*
- B. The heart of Judas was a heart of greed.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.8,9:** *"When His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, 'Why this waste? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.'"*
  2. John identifies the disciple as Judas, the keeper of the money box. (John 12.6)
- C. The heart of Jesus was a heart of grief.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.10:** *"But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, 'Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me'"*
  2. Jesus knew that His death was close. (Matt. 26.12)

**III. MATTERS OF THE HEART**

- A. Your heart is revealed in how you give.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.7:** *"an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil"* (cf. John 12.5)
  2. God expects us to give our best. (Col. 3.23; Rom. 12.10)
    - a) God expected the best of Cain and Abel. (Gen. 4.3,4; Heb. 11.4)
    - b) God expects all of your heart. (Matt. 22.37).
- B. Your heart is revealed in how you love.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.11,12:** *"For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always."* Mary knew how fragile life can be. (John 11.19-22,28-33)
  2. We do not know how long we have with our loved ones. (Heb. 3.11)
- C. Your heart is revealed in how you are remembered.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.13:** *"Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."*
  2. Our works will be remembered. (Heb. 6.10; Ezek. 18-21-26)