

**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

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**Text: Matthew 26**

**Topic: The Anointing of the Lord Jesus at Bethany**

*<sup>6</sup> And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup> 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.*

*<sup>8</sup> But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"*

*<sup>9</sup> For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."*

*<sup>10</sup> 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.*

*<sup>11</sup> For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.*

*<sup>12</sup> For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.*

*<sup>13</sup> 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."*

*Matthew 26:6-13*

**THE ANOINTING OF THE LORD JESUS**

1. The Anointing of the Lord Jesus was mentioned in the following texts

a) Matthew 26:6-13

b) Mark 14:3-9

c) Luke 7:36-50

c) John 12: 1-8

2. Some confusion

a) Some misread the texts and are confused why the facts were stated differently

- b) Many assume that there was only one anointing
- c) The descriptions would suggest that there was more than one anointing of the Lord Jesus Christ
- d) There would be at least 2 different anointings
  - i) A woman who had been forgiven of her sins Luke 7
  - ii) A woman who dearly loved the Lord and understood His imminent death

### **THE ACCOUNT OF THE ANOINTING IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL**

1. In the home of Simon the leper whom the Lord had healed
2. A woman came to the Lord Jesus with an alabaster flask
  - a) Long neck bottle
  - b) No handle
  - c) Flask is broken when the contents are poured out
3. The perfume
  - a) Costly
  - b) About a year's worth of labour
  - c) The perfume was poured on the head of the Lord Jesus
4. The reaction of the Disciples
  - a) They were indignant
  - b) It seemed to be such a waste
  - c) The perfume could have been sold and the proceeds given to the poor
5. The defense of the Lord Jesus
  - a) He chided His disciples
  - b) He saw and understood what the woman did

c) He commended her for her good and kind deed

6. The symbolic significance of the Anointing of the Lord Jesus

a) Her gift would be remembered forever

b) Her faith and her love would be remembered whenever the Gospel is preached

### **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To learn how to love the Lord Jesus

2. To express that love significantly

3. To be an example to others