

## Journey toward Jerusalem for Passover

**John 11:54** (54) Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim. He stayed there with his disciples.

## Jesus discussed by Jews and Priests

### John 11:55-57

(55) Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand. Many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

(56) Then they sought for Jesus and spoke one with another, as they stood in the temple, “What do you think—that he isn’t coming to the feast at all?”

(57) Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had commanded that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, that they might seize him.

## Jesus in Bethany

**John 12:1** (1) Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

## Mary anoints Jesus in Simon's house

### John 12:2-8

(2) So they made him a supper there. Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with him.

(3) Mary, therefore, took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

(4) Then Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, one of his disciples, who would betray him, said,

(5) “Why wasn’t this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?”

(6) Now he said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the money box, used to steal what was put into it.

(7) But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She has kept this for the day of my burial.

(8) For you always have the poor with you, but you don’t always have me.”

## Mary's deed recounted

### Matthew 26:6-13

(6) Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

(7) a woman came to him having an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table.

(8) But when his disciples saw this, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?”

(9) For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.”

(10) However, knowing this, Jesus said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? Because she has done a good work for me.

(11) For you always have the poor with you; but you don’t always have me.

(12) For in pouring this ointment on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

(13) Most certainly I tell you, wherever this Good News is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of as a memorial of her.”

### Mark 14:3-9

(3) While he was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard—very costly. She broke the jar, and poured it over his head.

(4) But there were some who were indignant among themselves, saying, “Why has this ointment been wasted?”

(5) For this might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor.” They grumbled against her.

(6) But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for me.

(7) For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want to, you can do them good; but you will not always have me.

(8) She has done what she could. She has anointed my body beforehand for the burying.

(9) Most certainly I tell you, wherever this Good News may be preached throughout the whole world, that which this woman has done will also be spoken of for a memorial of her.”

## Crowds come to see Jesus and Lazarus

**John 12:9** (9) A large crowd therefore of the Jews learned that he was there, and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

## Chief priests conspire to kill Lazarus

### John 12:10-11

(10) But the chief priests conspired to put Lazarus to death also,

(11) because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.