# **Palm Sunday**

Sunday 2nd April 2023

# The Measurement of Matters

**Matthew 26:6-13** 

### Matthew 26:6-13 Jesus Anointed at Bethany

- <sup>6</sup> While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.
- <sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup> "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

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<sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 11 The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. 12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

#### Some discrepancies among the 3 Gospels

Scripture	Matthew 26:6-13	Mark 14:3-9	John 12:1-8	
Venue	Home of Simon the Leper	Home of Simon the Leper	Bethany	
Anointed by	Unnamed woman	Unnamed woman	Mary	
Passover	Two days away	Two days away	Six days away	
Poured perfume on	Jesus' head	Jesus' head	Jesus' feet and wiped with her hair	

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- B) Moment at hand
- C) Memory of Mary

# A) Motives

(i) Self-sacrificing(in honor of Jesus)(ii) Self-centeredness

- B) Moment at hand
- (i) Particular moment
- (ii) Proper response
- (iii) Pour perfume
- (iv) Prepare Jesus for burial
- (v) Poor not neglected Matthew 25:31-46

- C) Memory of Mary
- (i) Worshipful act
- (ii) Wasteful not at all
- (iii) Worthwhile cause

- \* Judas = Betrayer of Jesus
- \* wasted the opportunity to be true follower
- \* was an opportunist

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#### = IMMEASURABLE!!