

The anointing of the Lord

in Mark 14:3-9 **WAS / is...**

... a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. ... *wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.* (Mark 14:3-9)

controversial
for multiple reasons
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

certainly not
wasting money
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

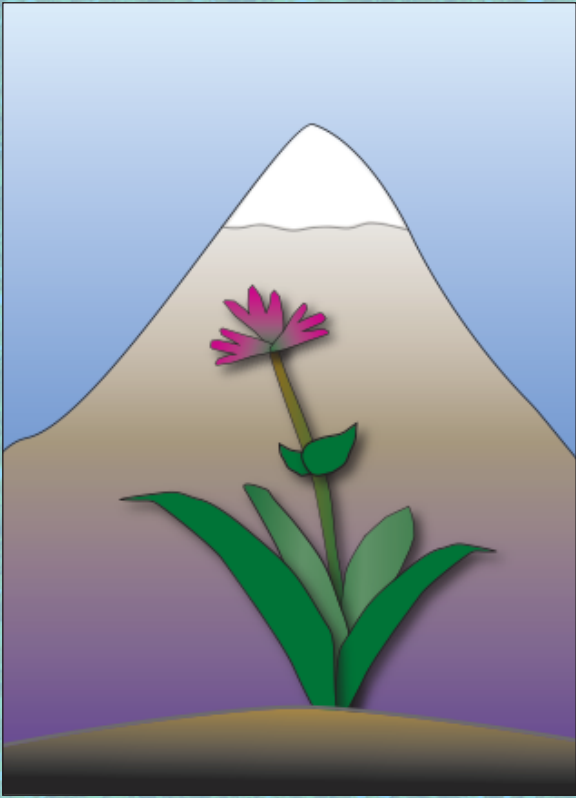
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not promoting
social work re. the poor
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

concisely
reported three times
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

also in
Matt. 26:6-13 & John 12:1-8
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

more significant
than Mary realized (14:8)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not something
that a man would do
(Agree? yes, no, partly)



with (spike)nard
which was extremely expensive because it was probably made from the roots of a rare flowering plant which grows in the foothills of the Himalayas in distant India.
(*Nardostachys jatamansi*)

clear evidence
of genuine faith & love
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

all done by
an unnamed individual
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

doing good
and a personal decision
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

selfishly
criticized by Judas & others
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

somewhat different
from in John 12:1-8
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

very different
from in Luke 7:36-50
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

using the
best that Mary had
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

about the proper
use of personal wealth
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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somewhat like
Jesus' burial (15:42-47)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

not done
by a sinful woman
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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the opposite of
betraying Jesus (14:10-11)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Do You Agree?

ABOVE ALL
TO BE REMEMBERED (14:9)
AND IMITATED BY EACH BELIEVER.
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Yes?
No? or
Partly?

Directions: After reading through **Mark 14:3-9** and the other verses mentioned above using a good study Bible, consider and discuss how the anointing of the Lord in Mark 14:3-9 is described above. *Do you agree with each point made? Do you mostly agree, mostly disagree, or agree in part? At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications.* The following questions may help with this. *Are there valuable things in my life that I have not dedicated to the Lord's use? What are they, and what should I do about them?* — © 2023 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.