



Today's Topic:

"Why this Waste?"

Matthew 26:6-13

March 30, 2025

1. A _____ Thing

"While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, 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." Matthew 26:6-7 (NIV, 2011)

2. A _____ Thing

"When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. 'Why this waste?' they asked. 'This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.'" Matthew 26:8-9 (NIV, 2011)

3. A _____ Thing

"Aware of this, Jesus said to them, 'Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.'" Matthew 26:10-13 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your most prized possession and why do you value it so highly?
2. Read Matthew 26:6-7. What would motivate this woman to do such a costly thing?
3. Read Matthew 26:8-9. Why do the disciples react so negatively to her action? Were they justified in this reaction? Why or why not?
4. Read Matthew 26:10-13. In what sense is this woman's action a "beautiful thing"?
5. Why does Jesus want this woman's name to be remembered, even in our age?
6. What action will this biblical story inspire you to take this week?