

## **Mary anoints Jesus's head and feet**

<sup>3</sup> While he was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,<sup>[a]</sup> as he was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured it on his head. <sup>4</sup> But some were expressing indignation to one another: "Why has this perfume been wasted? <sup>5</sup> For this perfume might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii<sup>[b]</sup> and given to the poor." And they began to scold her.

<sup>6</sup> Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a noble thing for me. <sup>7</sup> You always have the poor with you, and you can do what is good for them whenever you want, but you do not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body in advance for burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup> And when they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he started looking for a good opportunity to betray him.