

Mark 14:1-11 - Anointed for Burial

Intro - Today is the Jewish Passover and our Lord raised Himself from the dead 3 days after Passover. Many significant events happened....leading up to the most magnificent events of - Death/Burial/ Raised. Today we are going to look at 3 significant scenarios...that were actually played out in 6 separate events. Some are very similar with each other, but they are separate and all show the sacredness of Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus is the PERFECT ONE and was proclaimed impeccable once by the nation on Palm SOnDay
2. He is the ZEALOUS ONE and cleared the Temple twice. (at beginning and end of ministry)
3. He is the ANOINTED ONE and was prepared for burial 3 different times by 3 different women.

I am going to take these in chronological order. 5 of these 6 events happened right around Passover

Cleared the Temple at beginning of Ministry

- John 2:13ff right after first miracle of water to wine Passover was near
 - Selling animals and doing business in the Temple - (John 2:13-14)
- Made a whip and drove them out. 2:15-16 "stop making My Father's house a place of business"
 - Jesus was incensed at the corrupting of true religion with commerce and business
 - Jesus was against the "business of religion" *church merch*
 - "Jesus never forced anyone into the Temple but He sure forced people out of it" M.H.
 - Jesus was zealous for God's house John 2:17 (church house is a sacred house)
- Jews asked Jesus for a sign to show authority
 - Destroy this Temple and I will raise it up in 3 days. John 2:19
 - they remembered this 3 years later – (at court, on cross – Matt. 27:39-40, & in tomb)
 - Disciples remembered after His resurrection. John 2:21-22

Anointed in Nain at Pharisee's house by the "sinful" Woman

- Luke 7:36-50 right after Jesus raised the son of the widow from Nain.
 - Invited by a Pharisee to his house to eat. (same town? – may be Nain maybe not)
- Jesus was reclining. Sinful woman came behind Him. Wet feet with tears/perfume - Luke 7:38
 - Christ/Messiah = ANOINTED ONE One that is marked out and set apart
- Pharisee was not impressed and was reasoning in his mind (she knew his house/access??)
- Jesus knew his thoughts and told parable.
 - 2 debtors –owed 10K and 100K- both forgiven - which will love the lender more?
- She had been forgiven much so she loved much Luke 7:47-48
 - Jesus is the Anointed One to forgive sins. Only He is set apart to be Savior

Anointed in Bethany at Martha's House by Mary

- John 12:1-11 Jesus had just raised Lazarus from dead. Meal at his and sisters house
 - 6 days before Passover John 12:1-2

- Mary (Lazarus' sister) anointed His feet with perfume John 12:3 (very expensive-years wage)
- Judas was mad and objected that it would better used to help poor. John 12:4-6 Like Judas, many hide their greed under the pretense of helping the poor. (big money in aiding poverty)
- John 12:7-8 Anointed for burial
- The next day crowds came and the chief priests wanted to kill Jesus and Lazarus - John 12:10

The Entry of the Impeccable One

- Triumphal entry was 2 days after Mary anointed Jesus (4 days before Passover - 14th)
 - All 4 Gospels record this event. Palm branches and praises/ Jesus on donkey
 - These happenings fulfilled scripture Gen. 49:10-11 Zech. 9:9 Ps. 118:26
- Passover lambs were selected on the 10th and slaughtered on the 14th (Ex. 12:3-6)
 - Palm SOneday "just happened" to be the 10th – the day the nation picked the Lamb
 - Jesus was declared to be the ONE without spot or blemish on "selection day"
 - Pharisees objected to this praise - but if silent rocks will cry out - Luke 19:37-40
- Jesus wept over city because they didn't recognize the day. Luke 19:41-42 Daniel prophesied it would be 483 yrs from decree to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah (Dan. 9:25)
 - This was the Day the LORD had made.....they did not recognize the day of visitation

Cleared the Temple at end of Ministry

- After the Entry, Jesus went to the Temple and looked around at everything -making assessment
 - He came back the next day and cleaned house Matt. 21:12-13
 - The church house becomes a crime house when full of merchandise/marketing (mall)
- House of Prayer (not profit) we don't prayer enough - should make priority
- House of teaching - astonished at His teaching (Mk. 11:18) hanging on every word (Lk. 19:48)
- House of healing - Matt. 21:14 House of praise - Matt. 21:15-16 -out of the mouth of babes
- The bookends of Jesus' ministry was to clear the Temple (twice)
 - church time should be full of: Prayer, Preaching, meeting People's needs and Praise
- this 2nd cleansing happened 3 days before Passover

Anointed at Simon the Leper's house by anonymous Woman

- Two days before Passover (night before Last Supper) Mark 14:1-8
 - She anointed His head (the others His feet) Anointed for burial by 3 witnesses
 - Jesus is the ANOINTED ONE THE CHRIST THE MESSIAH
- The Gospel message is to have a memorial to this woman Mark 14:9 (she had eyes to see)
- Her act of faith and love incensed Judas - it was the final straw (twice in 4 days – waste of \$)
 - went out and sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver - religion was about \$ and merchandise
- Our religion is about Jesus – the Perfect ONE, proclaimed impeccable on Palm SOneday
 - Zealous ONE who cleared the Temple twice as bookends to His ministry
 - Anointed ONE – who was anointed by 3 women/3 occasions – HE IS THE CHRIST!