

Chapter 29

An Unexpected Gift

It was two days before the Passover in Jerusalem. Jesus was visiting his friend Simon in Bethany.

During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head.

Some grew angry. They said to each other, "Why waste the perfume? This perfume could have been sold for almost a year's pay and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me.

She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

God's Story

Who else gave Jesus expensive gifts? (Look back at chapter 18.)



Jesus went to visit his friend Simon who lived in Bethany. They had dinner together.



A woman came in with a vase of expensive perfume. She poured the perfume on Jesus' head.



Some disciples were angry. The perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. They said mean things to her.



Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She showed great love. People will remember this good thing she has done for me."