

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Mary Anointed Jesus' Feet

JOHN 12:1-8

Jesus and His disciples came to Bethany, the village where Jesus' friend Lazarus lived with his sisters, Martha and Mary. (Lazarus was the man Jesus had raised from the dead.) Lazarus and his sisters gave a special dinner for Jesus at their house.

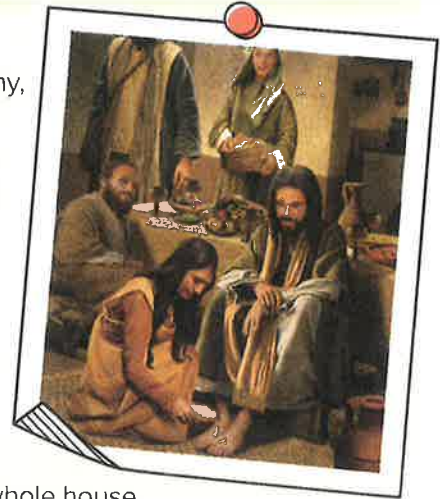
Martha served dinner. Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus. Mary took a pound of an expensive oil called *nard*. She poured the oil on Jesus' feet and then wiped His feet with her hair. The whole house was filled with the rich smell of the perfume.

Judas, the disciple who would later help Jesus' enemies arrest Him, complained about Mary's actions. "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor?" Judas demanded. He did not care about the poor. He only cared about the money because he was a thief. Judas was the keeper of the disciples' money bag and would help himself to the disciples' money.

Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She saved this perfume for the day of My burial. Poor people will always be with you. You will not have Me with you always."

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Deuteronomy 6:5

LIFE POINT: People can choose to show love for Jesus and God.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard people can choose to show love for Jesus and God. Mary showed her love for Jesus by anointing His feet with perfumed oil. What choices does your family make to show love to Jesus and God?



LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story with your child. Discuss ways that people can show love for Jesus and God. Help your child research Jesus' words about showing love to God.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People can learn about and recognize God's authority.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:5

Monday: John 15:14

Tuesday: 1 John 4:9

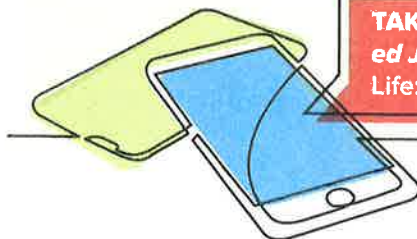
Wednesday: Galatians 2:20

Thursday: John 15:9

Friday: 2 Corinthians 5:14

Saturday: John 1:6

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Mary Anointed Jesus' Feet* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



Help me understand your instruction, and I will obey it and follow it with all my heart.

PSALM 119:34 (CSB)

Acro-What?

An *acronym* is "a set of letters that stand for a long phrase." For example, NASA means National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Choose acronyms and add them to the statements below. They will show your PI (positive influence) and the way you show love to God and Jesus by your actions.



Perfectly Describes Me



Sometimes—Not Always



Never. Never. Never!
Improvement Needed!

People at school know I am a follower of Jesus.

I read my Bible often and discuss what I read with others.

My TV and video choices are noticeably different from non-Christians' choices.

My behavior influences others more than their behavior influences me.

I avoid conversations that belittle other people.

I am aware that my Christlike example may be the only one some people see.

I confidently tell people what Jesus means to me.

Because of my example, others want to know more about God.

Honoring Jesus

In John 12:1-8 the Bible tells about a great choice Mary made. She sacrificed precious perfume as a way to honor Jesus. To *honor* means to "show great respect." Beside each letter, write an idea of something you can do to honor Jesus and show Him love and respect.

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