

Day 3: Monday of Holy Week – Mary of Bethany shows her great love for Jesus

Proclamation: Mary poured fragrant oil on Jesus' feet and dried them with her hair. This was an act of great love and it helped to prepare him for his burial. I can anoint Jesus too, not with oil but by worshipping him.

Scripture: John 12:1-8 (excerpt from daily Mass Gospel reading, Monday of Holy Week)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot . . . said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

Prayer: Jesus, I love you. I want to be able to anoint your feet with oil like Mary did. I choose to worship you today, with my whole heart. May my heart, joined to yours, bring you comfort as you go through your sufferings for me.

Visio Divina (praying with sacred art): Use the picture on the next page to help you enter into the scene of the story. Who do you most identify with – Jesus, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Judas? Why?

Activity: Worship the Lord by singing one of the songs listed here, or any favorite worship song you know. Invite your whole family to join you.

Suggested Songs:

[HERE I AM TO WORSHIP](#) Hillsong [OPEN UP THE HEAVENS](#) Vertical Worship [THIS IS WHAT YOU DO](#) Bethel Kids
[ISN'T HE WONDERFUL, GOD IS SO GOOD, PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM](#) Wee Sing Songs [WE FALL DOWN](#) Chris Tomlin

