

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 219: MARY ANOINTS JESUS' FEET**  
**JOHN 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover festival, Jesus went to Bethany. That is where Lazarus lived, the man Jesus raised from the dead. There they had a dinner for Jesus. Martha served the food, but Lazarus was one of the people eating with Jesus. Mary brought in a pound of expensive perfume made of pure nard, which cost a lot of money. She poured the perfume on Jesus' feet. Then she wiped his feet with her hair. And the sweet smell from the perfume filled the whole house. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' followers, was there--the one who would later hand Jesus over to his enemies. Judas said, "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii (about a year's full pay!) and the money given to the poor?" But Judas did not really care about the poor. He said this because he was a thief. He was the one who kept the moneybag for the group of followers. And he often stole money from the bag. Jesus answered, "Leave her alone. It was right for her to save this perfume for today--the day for me to be prepared for burial. The poor you will always have with you. But you will not always have me."

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## JOHN 12:1-8

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*"The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me."* JOHN 12:7-8

### **Review Questions**

#### **True or False**

1. Jesus went to Bethany six days before the Passover.
2. They had a dinner for Jesus there, and Martha served the food.
3. Lazarus was there, he was the one that Jesus put in jail.
4. Mary took a pound of very expensive wine, and poured it on Jesus' feet.
5. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house.

#### **Questions**

1. What did Mary use to wipe Jesus' feet with after she poured the expensive perfume on them?
2. What did Judas say after she did this?
3. Why did Judas say that they needed to sell the perfume? Did he care about the poor people?
4. What did Jesus say Mary had kept the perfume for?
5. What did Jesus say about the poor people?

## Lesson 219 Activity

### Lower! Lower!

In the days of kings, there was a rule; no one could be taller than the king. This was fine as long as he was tall or standing up, but when he sat down you had better fall on your knees! This was a way to show respect and reverence, and to humble yourself before them. When Mary anointed Jesus' feet with the perfume, she was making herself humble before Him.

Play a silent variation of the game "Mother, May I" by choosing a "king" and explain to the children that they must never be higher than the king. Their heads must always be lower than his/hers. Instruct the king to do random actions like pick up a pretend coin from the floor, tie his shoe, sit in a chair, touch his knees, jump up high, etc. all in an attempt to get lower than his loyal subjects. The "subjects" must make sure that their head is always lower than the king's.

### Anointing

Have your students divide into groups of two each. Let them anoint one another's hands with hand lotion. This will be a first-hand look at anointing.

Ask your students to explain what it was like to selflessly anoint someone else's hand.

What was it like for them to have their hands anointed by someone else?

Let them each have the opportunity to tell what it was like.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to work, witness and worship Jesus. If any children have not responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.