



3 APRIL 2022

Welcome to worship

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week April 3, 2022:

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Next Week April 10, 2022:

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 19:28-40

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 3pm in the chapel and the study will be Study 3—Ephesians, - Amazing Grace". All ladies are welcome to come along.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday—10th April at 9am

Good Friday—15 April at 9am

Easter Sunday 17th April at 9am.

Love's extravagance

John 12: 1-8

Jesus returned to a house in Bethany 6 days before the Passover. Recently, it had been a place of mourning. Now a meal was spread in honour of Jesus. Mary took half a litre of extremely expensive perfume called "nard" and poured it over the feet of Jesus, and proceeded to wipe it off with her hair. Immediately, there arises several questions which those present, and we, need answers to.

Why wipe his feet with her hair? Seems a pretty strange thing to do. To have poured so much oil over His head would have been unpleasant. But over his feet! Her action was one of utter humility. There was no other way for Mary to show how she utterly revered Him.

Why wasn't the expensive perfume sold for a year's worth of wages and the money given to the poor? (v5) In pointing this out, Judas actually had a legitimate point. There was great poverty in Palestine. So the question remains, why didn't Jesus suggest that to Mary? The nard was worth a lot of money. A year's wages could have made a significant difference to people, rather than being poured over the feet of Jesus.

Nothing in life, not even, as Jesus seems to say here, caring for the poor, is so important as to know and acknowledge Christ.

In 6 days, all opportunity for Mary to express her love for Christ would have passed. This was her special moment and she took it. She did all she could to show Jesus she loved Him.

There are a few significant days in our lives when we wake up and, before the sun goes down, our whole lives will have changed for ever. People who really succeed are those who grasp the moment and do it before the moment passes forever. That is what Mary did!

In just a couple of weeks, you will stand with Mary at the foot of the cross of Christ as we celebrate Easter. Today you must anoint. Seize this moment, as did Mary, to acknowledge Him on his way to Calvary. To die for you.
Adrian