

Palm Sunday Party

'Upside Down Easter'-part 2

John 12:1-8

(Also found in Matthew 26:6-13 & Mark 14:3-9)

“Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pound of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ‘Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.’ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ‘Leave her alone,’ Jesus replied. ‘It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.’” *John 12:1-8 (NIV)*

1) The Party _____

“Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.” *John 12:2 (NIV)*

Greek word for “Dinner” = ‘deipnon’ - A Jewish main meal that usually took many hours.

2) The Party _____

“Then Mary took about a pound of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.” *John 12:3 (NIV)*

The pound of nard in John 12:3 = 12-16 ounces.

“But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ‘Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.’ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.” *John 12:4-6 (NIV)*

A Denarius was a silver coin that was given as a day’s wage. 300 Denarii equaled wages for a year!

Judas was incredibly selfish while Mary was lavishly _____!

3) The _____ from the Party

“‘Leave her alone,’ Jesus replied. ‘It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.’” *John 12:7-8 (NIV)*

A) The Humility in Mary’s gift (1 Corinthians 11:15)

B) The “little Temple” at the Table.

“Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.” *John 12:2 (NIV)*

The “table” is the “mikdash me’ at” = “_____.”

**How do we get our hearts ready in the days leading to Easter?
What if we made the dinner table in our home a mikdash me’ at?**

Coach Brock Bible Challenge:
