

## A Gift Of Love

- I. **John 12:1-3** “Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.”

A. Friday night dinner at Simon the Leper’s house

**Mark 14:3** “<sup>3</sup>And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.”

B. Martha was serving.

C. Lazarus was sitting at the table.

## II. **Mary Brings Spikenard**

A. A pound to pour on Jesus’ head and feet.

B. Spikenard came from a plant grown high in the Himalayan mountains.

C. Cost 300 Denaris = 300 days’ wages.

D. Poured on his head and later his feet.

E. Took her hair down to wipe his feet.

F. Gave her greatest treasure to show her love for Christ.

G. Discerned Jesus would die for returning to Bethany and Jerusalem.

1. **John 11:57** “<sup>7</sup> Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.”

H. Jesus would smell:

1. Great treasure
2. Wonderful

3. Beautiful
4. Anointed for separation

### III. **Judas Iscariot**

- A. Caused a murmuring to begin among the disciples against Mary.
  1. He wanted oil to be sold so he could steal the money.
  2. Jesus rebukes him – “the poor you have always with you, not me.”
  3. She has anointed me for burial.
  4. Spoken as a memorial forever – her gift of love.

### IV. **Judas' Betrayal**

- A. Offense: Jesus' rebuke of Judas.
- B. **Mark 14:10-11** “<sup>10</sup> And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. <sup>11</sup> And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.”