

# She Did What She Could

**Matt 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9**

**Luke 7:37-41, and John 12:1-8**

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We see this Mary three times, all of which she is at the feet of Jesus. And she did all that she could. And Jesus said she will be remembered... She showed and gave extra gent love to prepare for Christ for his final sacrifice dying on the cross... This is what we as Christians call Easter... and was said of her that because she showed and gave extra gent love to prepare for Easter that when ever the Gospel was preached she would be remembered.

**Mark 14:3-9 (NIV)**

**3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, - (SIMON THE PHARISEE) a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.**

**4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?"**

**5 It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.**

**Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)** 38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But **Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made**. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**Mark 14:3-9 (NIV)**

**6 "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."**

**7 The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.**

**8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.**

**9 I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."**

Luke 7:36-48 (NIV)

36 Now one of the Pharisees- (SIMON THE LEPER) invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume,

38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee - (SIMON THE LEPER) who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is--that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.

46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

## He Stinks

**John 11:1-6 (NIV)**

**1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.**

**2 This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.**

**3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."**

**4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."**

**5 Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.**

**6 Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.**

**Luke 7:37-38 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the (Simon the vs Lk7:40) Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment....and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.**

**Matthew 26:6-7 Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.**

**Mark 14:3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.**

The explanation Simon the leper that was healed in Bethany is the Simon the Pharisee that is hosting a dinner for Jesus served by his Daughters Martha and Mary and Son Lazarus

## The explanation

**Simon the leper was the man that was healed in Bethany is the same Simon the Pharisee that is hosting a dinner for Jesus served by his Daughters**

**Martha and Mary and Son Lazarus**

**She**

**Did**

**What**

**She**

**Could**

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**She**

**God chose a woman who acted on  
her love for him in response to His  
love for her**

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**Women in that day in the Middle  
East were considered not much  
more than slaves  
Tradition held that each morning,  
Jewish males offered a blessing that  
thanked God for not making them  
Gentiles, slaves or a women**

## **Did**

**She acted and did not just think about doing something. She didn't act out of obligation. She didn't let others act for her. She didn't wait to be invited.**

## **Did**

**What motivated Mary to do something was an attitude of love and gratitude because of what Jesus had done for her. She was loved unconditionally and totally forgiven**

## **What**

**She did what she could not all that she could have. Not because she had to.**

**She Broke an Alabaster Jar of pure Nard with a years wages over Jesus head and prepared him for his death and burial... because there would be time after his death...passover**

**Mary knew God's Heart.....his will**

## **3 of David's Mighty Men.....2 Samuel 23...**

15David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!" 16So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD; 17and he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did....

## **What**

**Why Did Mary have a jar of Pure Nard..years salary**

- 1. Her father the leper..short life expectancy**
- 2. Lazurus death? would the father have paid for that**
- 3. She had Heard her Lord on many occasions tell of His soon coming death**

**The disciples did not want to talk about death**

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## **She**

**She was a new person**

***2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NIV)***

***17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!***

***18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:***

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## **She**

**She had her sins totally forgiven**

**Her Father had been healed**

**Her sister had been disciples by Jesus**

**Her Brother had been raised from the dead**

**She was a new person**

## **She**

**She Knew what Jesus was getting ready to do**

**Mark 14:8-9 (NIV)**

**8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.**

**9 I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."**

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## **She**

**She Knew what Jesus was getting ready to do**

**1. Prepare Christ for His death Burial and Resurrection**

**2. Before Easter made a way for millions to come to Easter**

**Mark 14:5-9 (NIV) 9 I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."**

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## **Could**

**She did what she could because she could because It was within her ability and resources to do so.**

**Extravagant Love**

**Story of Man who lost his wife**

**Story of Man who lost his wife**

**Proverbs 3:27-28 (NLT)**

**27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them.**

**28 If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."**

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**She Did What She Could**

**What is the significance of**

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**Gods**

**Unconditional love and forgiveness  
requires a response**



- 1. She Did What She Could**
- 2. What If I Did What I Could?**
- 3. What If We Did What We Could?**

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***Mark 16:15 (NLT)***

***15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."***

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**1. Pray about what you could give this Easter because you can...it is with in your power**

**2. Show your love and invite some one to come with you to our Easter services so the Gospel will be heard.**

**What will you be remembered for**

**She did what she could**