

The Alabaster Principle

Scripture: Mark 14:3
John 12:3

Mark 14:3 KJV 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.

John 12:3 KJV 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.

Introduction

In a very selfless act, Mary blessed Jesus by anointing his head with the spikenard from the alabaster box and washed his feet with her tears and drying them with her hair.

She didn't know it, but her selflessness created a memorial to her that has been repeated through the centuries.

Mark 14:9 KJV Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

I. A willingness to give of one's self

John 12:3a KJV Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair:

- A. Gave without hope of any benefit to herself
- B. Acted out of desire to be a blessing
- C. Did not consider the cost or criticism

Matthew 26:8-9 KJV But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? **9** For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

II. A willingness to be broken

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- A. The works of our flesh must be crushed

and broken

- B. Our ego, pride and arrogance must be broken
- C. Our flaws, failures and past must be broken
- D. Every satanic dominion must be broken

III. A willingness to share the fragrance of Christ

John 12:3a KJV and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

- A. The alabaster box was only a container for the true treasure
- B. People only see the love of Christ as we model it
- C. We are to live out our testimony before others

Acts 1:8 KJV But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall **be** witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

James 1:22 KJV But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Conclusion

Are you willing to give of yourself to others?
Are you willing to be broken to allow the fragrance of Christ from your life to fill the room?