

Lesson I.

JESUS ANOINTED AT BETHANY

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Matt. 26 : 6-16—Memory Verses, 11-13

Golden Text—She hath done what she could.—Mark 14 : 8.

the chief priests, 15 And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus often stayed at Bethany with Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus—the man whom He had raised from the dead.

Once when He was there, Simon, who had been cured of leprosy, made a great supper-party for Jesus. Martha, to show her love for Jesus, waited upon the guests at the table.

Mary, also, was anxious to do something to thank Jesus for His kindness to their dear brother. So she slipped softly into the room, and stood behind the place where Jesus was sitting. In her hand was a little white, narrow-necked jar, full of fragrant oil, and worth ever so much money.

Before anyone noticed her, Mary had broken it, and was pouring the costly perfume from the precious jar upon Jesus' head.

6 Now when Je'sus was in Beth'any, in the house of Si'mon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8 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.

10 When Je'sus understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

14 Then one of the twelve, called Ju'das Iscar'iot, went unto

The sweet smell filled the house.

All at once, Judas, one of the disciples, jumped up, saying angrily: "This is great waste of money! It would have been better if Mary had sold her jar of perfume and given the money to the poor!"

"Yes, indeed," said some of the others; and they were displeased with her.

When Jesus knew it, He said: "Let this woman alone. She has done right. For you have the poor always with you, and may help them whenever you wish, but Me you have not always. She has done this to prepare Me for My burying."

Jesus knew that very soon He must die and be put away in the grave.

Then, He said in a voice that all could