

heart felt that her Lord had not long to live and made her eager to show her love.

8. Me ye have not always.

This was more than a hint that His end was near.

9. Much people ; the common people,

who were open to conviction, as opposed to the officials, who were full of pride and prejudice.

10, 11. The Chief Priests.

They were Sadduces and believed in no resurrection. Lazarus alive was such a proof of their folly that they plotted to put Him to death.

ASK YOURSELF

What friends of Mary were present when Lazarus was raised from the dead? In what different ways did the miracle impress them? To whom did some of them report the miracle? What did these resolve to do? Where did Jesus go? For what purpose?

Juniors

1. When does Jesus return to Bethany? What was the Passover? When observed? (Lev. 23:5; Ex. 12:6.)

2, 3. Who gave the feast? (Mark 14:3.) Name three guests. What was Martha doing? Mary? What was spikenard? In what was the ointment held? (Mark 14:3.) How much was it worth? What did Mary do with it? What was the effect in the house?

4-6. Who objected? What did he say? Why did he so say? What is meant by the "bag"? What did he take from it?

7. Did Jesus agree with Judas? What did he say?

8. What did Jesus mean by the saying of verse 8?

9-11. Why had the Jews come? What did the chief priests now do? To what sect did these belong? What was their belief? (Acts 23:8.)

Seniors

1-8. On what other occasions did Christ visit Bethany? (Matt. 21:17; 26:6; Mark 11:11; Luke 19:49.) What other later and wonderful event in connection with Bethany? (Luke 24:50.) How was anointing usually done?

4-6. What led Judas to complain? What did he pretend? What does Jesus elsewhere say of hypocrites? (Matt. 23.) How did the fault-finding of Judas affect the other disciples? (Matt. 26:8.)

7, 8. How did Jesus rebuke Judas? Why was Christ so indignant? Did Mary know of Judas' complaint? (Matt. 26:10.) Why had Mary kept the ointment? What praise did Jesus give to Mary? Why did He think so highly of this act?

9-11. Why were the chief priests so eager to slay Lazarus? Why were they so jealous of Jesus and anxious for His death?

PRACTICAL

1. Mark the high sense of duty in Jesus: He knows it is death to go to the Passover, but it is appointed Him of His Father and He goes.

2. We have here three types of Christian: Martha, who serves; Lazarus, who has quiet fellowship with his Master; and Mary, who shows her love,—all good types.

3. Greed led Judas to pilfering. By and by it drove him to sell his Master to the man who thirsted for his blood.

4. Mary gave her best to Jesus. What more can anyone and what less should anyone do?

5. Beware of jealousy. It made sneaks and murderers of those chief priests.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What part had Martha in the feast? Lazarus? Mary?

2. Why does Jesus praise the act of Mary?

3. Explain why Mary, Martha and Lazarus so loved and the chief priests so hated Jesus?