

# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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## CONVERSATION

### Mary Anointed Jesus' Feet

**JOHN 12:1-8**

Jesus and His disciples came to Bethany, the village where Jesus' friend Lazarus lived with his sisters, Martha and Mary (Lazarus was the man Jesus had raised from the dead) Lazarus and his sisters gave a special dinner for Jesus at their house

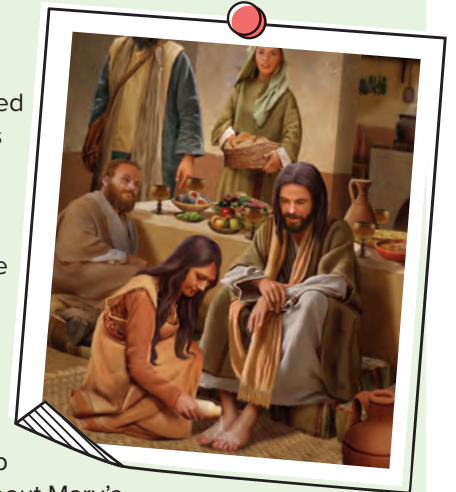
Martha served dinner Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus Mary took a pound of an expensive oil called *nard* She poured the oil on Jesus' feet and then wiped His feet with her hair The whole house was filled with the rich smell of the perfume

Judas, the disciple who would later help Jesus' enemies arrest Him, complained about Mary's actions "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor?" Judas demanded He did not care about the poor He only cared about the money because he was a thief Judas was the keeper of the disciples' money bag and would help himself to the disciples' money

Jesus said, "Leave her alone She saved this perfume for the day of My burial Poor people will always be with you You will not have Me with you always"

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** Deuteronomy 6:5

**LIFE POINT:** People can choose to show love for Jesus and God



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard people can choose to show love for Jesus and God Mary showed her love for Jesus by anointing His feet with perfumed oil What choices does your family make to show love to Jesus and God?

#### LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story with your child Discuss ways that people can show love for Jesus and God Help your child research Jesus' words about showing love to God

#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People can learn about and recognize God's authority

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 6:5

**Monday:** John 15:14

**Tuesday:** 1 John 4:9

**Wednesday:** Galatians 2:20

**Thursday:** John 15:9

**Friday:** 2 Corinthians 5:14

**Saturday:** John 1:6

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *Mary Anointed Jesus' Feet* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

## SUMMER 2020

Unit 1, Session 7

### CONNECTION POINT:

Reflect Christ in how you interact with all authorities.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** The United States is divided over important issues. Each side in the political arena is convinced they are right; consequently, passions run high and the rhetoric and debate is often less than civil. While Christians may not like certain politicians, God calls His people to respond not based on emotion but with actions that honor government and its leaders. A love for Christ and a love for others is to permeate every way we engage in and express ourselves in the political arena.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** John 12:1-8

**Live It Out:** Teach your child different ways to show love to Jesus. Sing praise songs as you drive in the car. Say a prayer for protection as you drive. Thank God for a beautiful sunrise.

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem with His friends. On the way, Jesus stopped in the town of Bethany to see His friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They gave a dinner for Jesus and His helpers. The people gathered around the table. Martha served the food.

Mary took an expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. She wiped His feet with her hair. The scent of the perfume filled the entire house.

One of Jesus' helpers was not happy about what Mary had done. He thought the perfume should be sold and money given to the poor.

Jesus said, "Leave Mary alone." Jesus knew that pouring the perfume on His feet was Mary's way of saying, "I love You, Jesus." Mary had done something to show Jesus how much she loved Him. That made Jesus happy.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** John 12:1-8

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story with your child. Discuss ways that people can show love for Jesus and God. Help your child research Jesus' words about showing love to God.

One day Jesus came to visit a town called Bethany. Jesus visited with His friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. While they waited at the table, Mary did something surprising. Mary poured expensive perfume on the feet of Jesus. Then she wiped His feet with her hair.

Judas became upset with Jesus and Mary. He argued that the perfume should have been sold for money that would be given to the poor. Judas didn't really care about the poor. He was the disciple in charge of the money bag. Sometimes he would steal a portion of that money for himself.

Jesus told Judas to leave Mary alone. Jesus said Mary had kept the perfume for the day He would be buried. Then Jesus told Judas that the poor will always be there, but Jesus would not always be there.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Romans 13:1-10

- When might disobeying authority be necessary for Christians?
- Why is it important for us to respect and honor those in authority, even when we don't agree?
- How does loving others disarm an argument?
- What steps can you take to love even those whose politics you disagree with?

**Live It Out:** The political issues we face today are not easy. We certainly don't see eye to eye with all those in our schools or communities. It's also true that we don't always agree with those in our church. However, continuing in anger or remaining divided is not the answer. If you or anyone in your family is divided over an issue with a friend or neighbor, consider how you can reconcile in love. Take steps to make it right and heal the hurt in your relationships.