# MATTHEW 26:6-19

A. Matthew 26:6 - Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

1. The stage has been set. He has told His disciples of His upcoming _____. Also the apostate religious leaders have plotted - put into motion the decision to murder - put Christ to death.

2. Now here in verse 6, there is a parenthetical flash_____ showing the _____nificance of what's Happening now. These few verses are not in chronological order of this context.

   Matthew 26:6-13 talks about the same event as John did in John 12:1-5.
   *But notice in John it says ___days before Passover, whereas Matt. 26:2 says ___ days before passover.

3. So this event took place 4 days earlier, but Matthew flashes back and brings it to the _____sent by inserting it as a parenthetical expression - ____portance.

   *In John 12:12, you don't find Jesus in Jerusalem until after the event of Mary and her alabaster box. In Matt. 26, Jesus had been in Jerusalem since Matt. 21.

4. Question? Why would Matthew do this flashback? Matthew recalls this event and its significance of Christ going to the cross (he hadn't at that moment). Matthew's saying: "By the way, do you _____ber when Christ was over there in Bethany (verse 6) pointing backwards to remember what happened in the house of Simon the leper?"

5. Simon may have been one of the lepers who had been healed and ____turned to worship Him (Matt. 8:1-4). Simon may have been of some ____ans. He had a large enough house to have Jesus and His disciples in for a meal. Simon could have been Martha's _____band. In John 12:1-8, Martha, the sister of Lazarus, both Jesus' friends, were at Simon's. John says it was Mary, Martha's sister, who anointed Jesus with _____.

B. Matthew 26:7-12 - 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.* Matt. 6:8 But when his disciples saw *it,* they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste? Matt 26:9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. Matt. 26:10 When Jesus understood *it,* he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. Matt. 26:11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. Matt. 26:12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.

1. So this event is connected to what's _____ to happen and it is an ____couragement to Christ as He faces the cross.

   *Bethany was a very special place to Jesus Christ in His life. It was a place of rest-refreshment, a place of loving-_____ friends. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived there. Even Simon, the healed leper, Martha's husband lived there.

2. It is Mary who comes in, breaks her bottle of ointment, begins pouring it on Jesus' head-feet, and then begins to wash and dry His feet with her _____. Get the picture?

3. The disciples get all bent out of shape, high and mighty, _____-spiritual by criticizing the waste. "That oil could have been sold and the money given to the _____."

4. **But notice, her actions were her acts of _____ship. [John 12:1-8 - Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. John 12:2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. John 12:3 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. John 12:4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son,* which should betray him, John 12:5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? John 12:6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. John 12:7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. John 12:8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.]

a. Her worship was costly - verse 3 [a pound of ointment, very costly].
*Some believe it would have been a whole year's salary. Love is measured by its _____ifice (John 3:16). Isn't He worthy?

b. Her worship was at His _____ - verse 3 [anointed the feet of Jesus].
*During His three years of ministry, it was said He walked ____,000 miles and now was ready to march to Calvary. It shows her reverence, and His greatness.

c. Her worship was in _____ility - verse 3 [wiped His feet with her hair].
*It was custom to anoint the head, but here it's His feet. She did this humbly as the woman's hair was her _____.

d. Her worship affected _____ - verse 3 [the house was filled with the odour of the ointment].
*True worship is contagious and _____.

e. Her worship was _____icized (verses 4-6).

(1) It was Judas who mainly criticized about the waste of money. Judas was the treasurer and he was a _____. No wonder he criticized Mary's sacrifice!

(2) Lesson. If you are moved by the truth - Word, people look at you in a self-righteous way putting you in a box of unexcited legalism.

Question? Are we limiting others from freedom and _____ty of worship?

f. Her worship was ____ceived and rewarded - verses 7-8.

(1) *Christ says, " let her alone, she gets ____!" Do you remember in Luke 10 where Martha and Mary entertained Jesus and the 12? Martha was busy, upset over Mary's sitting at Jesus' feet listening to Him. Mary chose the one thing truly needed - Him and His _____!

(2) Somewhere it _____ed! Now in Matt. 26, she senses His heart. His _____ had arrived to prepare for His death on the cross. Mary got it when all the 12 remained ignorant of this truth. This was a climactic moment and Mary was spiritually _____ in. She did an action (anointing) that was _____ for the occasion.

*In Matt. 26:12, she did it for His _____ial that was upcoming.

C. Matthew 26:13 - 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.

1. Why is this story to be remembered and told over and over in her honor? Because it's a ____buke to all who don't have a surrendered heart, occupied in His truth. It is an ____couragement that if one is in tune with Christ - Word, they will _____ spiritual truth when others don't.

2. So remember, this was an insert to show:

   a. How Christ would use this event to encourage Himself at _____ a time as this.

   b. The betrayer and reveals the _____ among His own disciples.

D. Matthew 26:14-16 - Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, Matt. 26:15 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. Matt. 26:16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

1. Judas, still upset for _____ing the money, for Jesus ____buking him, goes to the religious elders (who wanted Jesus dead) and asks them how much they would give him if he led them to where Jesus was.

2. Judas' name: Judos ↓ Juda; Iscariot ↓ Ishi ↓ Karioth > [Judas was a man from Karioth.]

   a. Karioth is east of Jordan river in Moab Syria. Judas is a _____-breed, a Syrian Jew. Some say an indirect kin to Nimrod.

   b. Jeremiah 48:24-25 - And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. Jer. 48:25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD

      *This is the second coming of Christ to earth. There's a man who judgment falls upon in Moab. This man has a broken _____.

      So what is this?

   c. Zechariah 11:15-17 - And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a fool ish shepherd. Zec. 11:16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. Zec. 11:17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

      The "idol shepherd" is this man. It is a reference to the _____ly wound the Antichrist receives, that is healed in the midst of the week.

   d. Judas agrees to _____ pieces of silver to betray Christ.

      Zechariah 11:12-13 - And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, for bear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver. Zec. 11:13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

*This is within the context of Antichrist.
John 17:12 [son of perdition] Judas Iscariot.
II Thessalonians 2:3 [son of perdition] Antichrist's title.

e. Judas is a _____ of a satanic operation designed to bring about the destruction-____feat of the Lord Jesus Christ in order to thwart the purpose of Almighty God (Genesis 3:15).

f. Also, 30 pieces of silver was the price of a _____!

Exodus 21:32 - If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

E. Matthew 26:17-19 - Now the first *day* of the *feast of* unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? Matt. 26:18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. Matt. 26:19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

1. Jesus doesn't tell His disciples ____actly the location where they were to observe the Passover feast together. In Luke 14:13-15, they were to follow a man "bearing a pitcher of water." When they explained to him the Master needed his guest chamber to eat the Passover with His disciples, he would _____.

2. By doing this, it once again demonstrates the Lord's _____ - Omniscience - Foreknowledge to His disciples in how they were to locate their needed place. It probably was in the home of one who acknowledged Jesus as _____.

   Note: "It also _____vented Judas from knowing so that he couldn't betray Jesus _____ He finished His last preparations leading up to the cross." Fredricksen

   *Actually it was only Peter and John who were sent to _____pare the Passover meal.

   Luke 22:7-8 - Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. Luke 22:8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the Passover, that we may eat.

Questions?

1. Why did Peter flashback to this event (Mary-ointment, perfume) 4 days after the actual event?

2. What was the best part of Mary's worship?

3. Mary's worship teaches us?

4. Judas is a type of who? Why?

5. What was so miraculous about their Passover meal?