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## Jesus Anointed

**Matthew 26:3-13**

### God's Plan

- The timing and events of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion had been God's plan *before the foundation of the world.*

*Prov 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails*

*Rev 13:8 ...the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world*

*Acts 2:23 ...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite [predetermined] plan and foreknowledge of God...*

- But before continuing with the events of Jesus' arrest, Matthew inserts a pericope to contrast the evil plans of the elders with the devotion of Mary.

### The Anointing of Love (v. 6-7)

- This generosity is an act of unconstrained love and devotion to Jesus.

**John 11:3-4** ...the sisters [Martha and Mary] sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."  
4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

**v. 5-6** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was...

**v. 17** Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days...

**v. 32-36** Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved [with mercy for compassion] in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept.

**v.43** ...Lazarus, come forth...

- When Mary saw Jesus raise her brother, she was seeing and feeling the *mercy* of God. As a result, Jesus was winning her heart's affection and devotion.

**Luke 1:76-78** ...the tender mercy of our God...

**Rom.2:4** ...it is the goodness of God [Gal.5:22-23] that leads to repentance...

- Jesus was moved in His Soul by the plight of His people.

**Matt 9:36** When [Jesus] saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd...

- When Jesus looked upon the people, He saw their true spiritual condition:

**Eph 4:14** *Jesus sees us as ...infants tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming...*

- Jesus is touched by our human condition and feels mercy for us.

**Heb 4:15** *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses...*

- In the O.T., the blood of the sacrifice was called the Seat of *Mercy*.
- Because God is *rich in mercy, because of His great love*, He sent His Son to save us.
- This is the Mercy that touched Mary, and the reason she was pouring out her heart.

### **The Criticism of Love** (v. 8-9)

### **The Approbation of Love** (v. 10-13)

- What she has done is a *beautiful thing*.
  
- What about us? DO we extend mercy?

**Rom 1:28-32** *And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, **unmerciful**...*