

# Parallel Passages and Harmonies

## Synopsis of the Four Gospels (Aland)

XVI. The Passion Narrative

1. Until Going to Gethsemane

### 306. The Anointing in Bethany

#### Matthew 26:6-13

6 Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table.

8 But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste?"

9 For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor."

10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me.

11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.

12 By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial.

13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

#### Mark 14:3-9

3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of

nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head.

4 But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way?"

5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me.

7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me.

8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial.

9 Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

#### Luke 7:36-50

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.

37 And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.

38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak."

41 "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42 When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

44 Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she

#### John 12:1-8

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,

5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.

45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.

46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

48 Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."