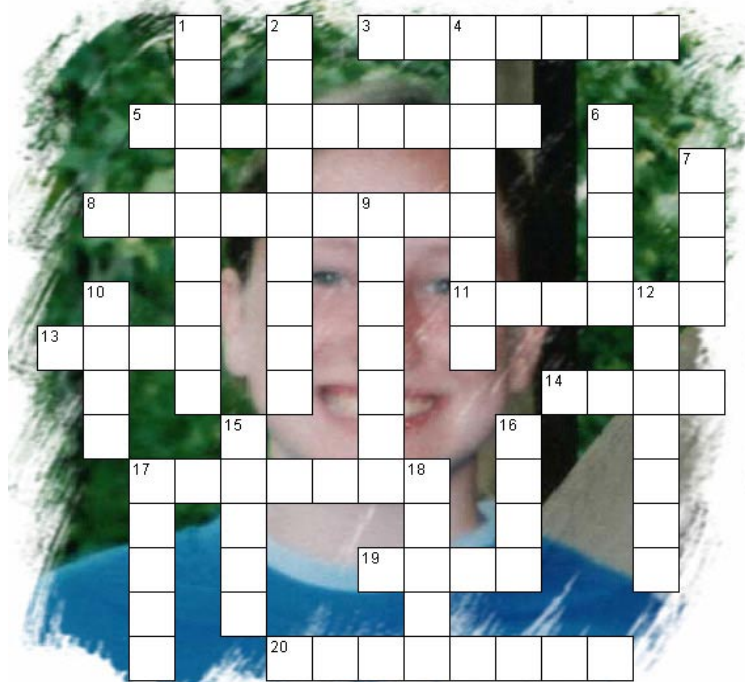


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God's Calling in the New Testament

- Lesson Ten -

In the Gospels – Mary (Martha's Sister)

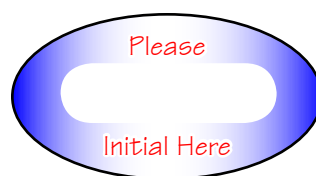


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| 3. Mary lived in _____. | 1. The "city of God." |
| 5. Mary knew that the Lord would be _____ in Jerusalem. | 2. ...Mary's love and _____... |
| 8. ...none of His _____ seemed to understand... | 4. ...she took her life's _____, a flask... |
| 11. Jesus _____ Lazarus from the dead. | 6. The Lord _____. |
| 13. ...speak of Mary's _____ and sacrifice. | 7. Mary listened carefully to His _____. |
| 14. The _____ Jesus. | 9. Mary and Martha's brother. |
| 17. Some others criticized Mary and said that she was _____... | 10. ...the people (in Jerusalem) had no _____ in their heart for Jesus. |
| 19. Martha's sister. | 12. ...approaching the end of His _____ ministry... |
| 20. ...flask of precious _____... | 15. ...opportunity to _____ the Lord... |
| | 16. Jerusalem was the "_____ of God." |
| | 17. ...a _____ of precious ointment... |
| | 18. ...no room in their _____ for Jesus. |

Parent's Initials:



I. Overview.

Those who respond to God's call to receive the Lord Jesus and His salvation, should out of love and gratitude pour out everything they have upon Him. In this lesson we will consider such a person – Mary.



Mary's sacrifice is told as a memorial.

There were several Marys in the New Testament. The mother of the Lord Jesus was named Mary. There was another Mary who is called Mary the Magdalene (from a city in Galilee named Magdala). We considered her in an earlier lesson. The Mary we will consider in this lesson was a different one, she was the sister of Martha, whom we read about in our last lesson.

Mary lived in Bethany with her sister Martha and her brother Lazarus. This family was very special to the Lord Jesus. He had raised Lazarus from the dead – perhaps the greatest miracle of His earthly ministry.

II. Memory Verse.

"Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done shall also be told as a memorial of her."

(Matt. 26:13)

III. Lesson.

When Jesus went into Jerusalem, He would not stay in the city overnight, He stayed in Bethany. Even though Jerusalem was known as the “city of God”, the people there had no room in their heart for Jesus. Rather they rejected Him and would not have Him as their Lord.



Mary freely poured out her love upon the Lord.

The House in Bethany

In a small village near Jerusalem, named Bethany, there were some disciples who loved the Lord very much. In Bethany was a house where Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived. Though the Lord was not welcomed in Jerusalem, He did His greatest miracle in Bethany. He raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus had not been dead only an hour, but he had been dead for four days.

Mary was the sister of Martha and Lazarus. Mary really loved the Lord and listened carefully to His word. As the Lord Jesus was approaching the end of His earthly ministry, going to the cross, He told His disciples three times concerning His crucifixion. He told them plainly that He would be killed in Jerusalem very soon. For some reason, none of the disciples seemed to understand what Jesus was talking about. Mary, however, listened carefully and understood the Lord word.

Pouring Out Our All Upon the Lord Jesus

Mary knew that the Lord Jesus was drawing very near to the time when He would be crucified. She grasped the only opportunity that she would have to honor the Lord before His

death. She took something very precious to her, her life’s treasure, a flask of precious ointment, and poured it out upon the Lord Jesus. Some others criticized her and said that she was foolish for “wasting” the ointment.

But to the Lord Jesus, this was a very precious expression of love from one of His disciples. He was so pleased, that He indicated that whenever men would speak of His great sacrifice for them, they would also speak of Mary’s love and sacrifice for Him. The Lord was telling us that all who believe in Him and receive His salvation should respond like Mary and pour out their all upon Him. May the Lord impress us all with His supreme worth that we also would pour ourselves out for Him.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Where did Mary live?

2. What was it that Mary understood that the other disciples did not seem to understand?

3. What did Mary pour out upon the Lord?

4. What did the Lord think about her sacrifice?

