
Sermon Quotes

- The use of this costly unguent rather than the cheap oil that would be more commonly used is a mark of devotion. Mary did not regard Jesus as a casual, run-of-the-mill guest but as a very special person; for him a very costly offering was just right. Kings were anointed (e.g., 2 Kings 9:6), and it may be that this was in the woman's mind. We should also remember that "Messiah" means "anointed one," and that she may have been giving symbolic expression to her conviction that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. - *Leon Morris*
- Judas walked with Jesus for three years. He saw the greatest life ever lived up close and personal. You can't have a better model of faith than Jesus or a better environment for forming faith than Judas had in walking with the Savior. He directly witnessed the miracles. When Jesus fed the 5,000, Judas was there. He took the bread and distributed it along with the other disciples. When Jesus calmed the storm, Judas was there. And he was there when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. You can't have better evidence for faith than Judas had. Judas heard all the teaching of Jesus, too. He heard the Sermon on the Mount, so he knew there is a narrow road that leads to life and a broad road that leads to destruction. He heard the warnings Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, so he knew there is a hell to shun and a heaven to gain. He heard the parable of the prodigal son, so he knew God is ready to welcome and forgive those who have wasted themselves in many sins. With Judas's own eyes, he saw the clearest evidence. With his own ears, he heard the finest teaching. With his own feet, he followed the greatest example. And yet this man still betrayed Jesus. - *Colin S. Smith*
- We cannot know what led Judas to this moment, what made him willing to betray his Lord for merely a few dollars. Yet we can know what leads us to forget Jesus and turn against him in our lives. We must realize that there is a bit of Judas in us all and determine to exemplify the woman's love rather than Judas's greed in our lives. - *Grant R. Osborne*