

Easter Devotional 2024

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter the crowds, the camel, and the palm leaves too often overlook the story of Mary and her sacrifice.

John 11:11 – 26 NLT

Then Jesus said, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up.” The disciples said, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!” They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. So he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.”

Lazarus’ sisters were not too happy that Jesus delayed in coming to their aid after receiving word that Lazarus was ill, resulting in his death. Jesus worked a miracle and raised Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus friends were acquainted with death, but also resurrection. Lazarus sisters had *just* seen their brother come out of the grave alive (John 11:44). They saw the impossible become possible.

Read John 12:1 – 8 in the version you use.

At this dinner we see Mary do something unusual. V3 “Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair.”

This is where the Easter story starts - with a woman, a friend of Jesus, who gave something of value (the “pure nard”), and humbled herself by washing His feet with her hair. Mary got it - Christ deserves our all, our best sacrifice.

When Jesus enters our life, we must respond with whole-hearted obedience and genuine praise. We must enter into an experience of worship so dynamic that it causes us to sacrifice our comfort and tradition.

Q How has the presence of Jesus Christ caused a genuine stir in your life?

As we prepare our hearts and lives for His death and resurrection, we must first join with the voices of history and worship sincerely declaring, “Hosanna in the highest!”

Q How can you help Mothers’ Union in your area to grow deeper in their worship of Christ?