

⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?”

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⁹“For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.”

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¹³“Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.” ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

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¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

—Matthew 26:6-16 ESV

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The Place

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The Response to the Moment:

**Through the eyes of Jesus,
this was a moment of opportunity.**

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**In pouring this ointment on my body,
she has done it to prepare me for burial.
—Matthew 26:12 ESV**

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“beautiful thing”

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The Response to the Moment:

**Through the eyes of Judas,
this was a moment of offense.**

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He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.

—John 12:6 ESV

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The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

—Jeremiah 17:9 ESV

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The Response to the Moment:

**Through the eyes of Mary,
this was a moment of offering.**

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

—Mark 14:8 ESV

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The Response to the Moment:

**Through our eyes,
is this a moment of obedience?**

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**Do what YOU CAN for Christ.
Do ALL YOU can for Christ.
Do it WHEN you can FOR CHRIST.**

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"The smallest act of obedience is better than the greatest intention."

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**Only one life, yes only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in "that day" my Lord to meet,
And stand before His Judgment seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

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**Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

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**Oh, let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

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**Only one life, yes only one,
Now let me say, "Thy will be done."
And when at last I'll hear the call,
I know I'll say, "Twas worth it all."
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

—C.T. Studd

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**For you know the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might
become rich. —2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV**

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