

The Anointing – Matt 26:6-13

Outline:

- Intro: Gift of anointing oil? Or OT prof proving how easy it is to be deceived?
- Set up text and Matthews cross discourse
- **Matthew 26:6-13** “Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a 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. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, ‘Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.’ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, ‘Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. 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.”
 - Notes about the text:
 - John points out Judas
 - Mathew says Disciples, he makes it plural
- **Where there is Devotion their will be deceit**
 - Deceit is easy. Devotion is hard
 - Deceit masquerades as good
 - Deceit doesn't change what you believe; it simply adds to it
- **Christ Anointing proclaims the Gospel**
 - Anointing is for kings
 - Anointing is for priests
 - Anointing is for burial
 - Anointing is for legal contracts
 - Illustration of a courtroom
 - That's the εὐαγγέλιον (*euangelion, Gospel*)
- **Christ has anointed us**
 - Not as kings or priests, but as children to do his good works
 - **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** “And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”
 - **Ephesians 2:10** “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
- Conclusion: ?

Notes:

- John is the one who outs Judas as the one who spoke up against what was happening
- When worship is true, there will always be someone or something objecting to it. That objection is not a reason to stop, but a reason to do it louder.
- Who is this woman?
- God is our purpose before people...
- History of anointing with oil?
- The anonymous woman who anoints Jesus Fulfills for Matthew the role of a true witness in the midst of the false witness.
 - Compare what is said to the Bible!
 - Where there is Devotion their will be deceit
 - The Deceit here is hidden behind “good” intentions
 - 1 John 2:26-27
 - Notice that Matthews Gospel says “Disciples” While Johns gospel points out Judas was the one who spoke up, it doesn't mention the heart or thoughts of the other disciples...
- “In the ancient Near East, anointing with oil was used to ratify and solemnize commitment in diplomatic relations, business contracts, nuptial rites, and the liberation of slaves.”
 - The story of a courtroom and the verdict is in. Dudley's illustration
- Anointing was for:
 - Kings (1 Kings 1:39)
 - Priests (Leviticus 8:12)
 - Healing (Mark 6:13 James 5:14 and Psalm 23:5)
 - Legal contracts (Gen. 28:18-22)
- The Disciples who are greatly displeased with this action are more concerned with the Woman's actions and sacrifice than they are with what is being done.
 - What if our devotion to Christ is so great that it causes others to question why?
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