

Matthew 26:6-8

And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"

I think we all know about this account of the woman anointing Jesus with the fragrant oil. Even Jesus said:

† **Matthew 26:13** *Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.*

And a testimony to that is that this story is in all four of the gospels. We also know that Judas Iscariot was one who rebuked her for the waste.

† **John 12:4-6** *Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.*

And with that, reading today's devotional verses it says: *But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant.* Which simply means that Judas Iscariot may have said it, but the disciples were agreeing with him to an extent, maybe not for the same reason, but still they were influenced by one of their own.

For us, this teaches us that we need to be careful that we do not judge what others are doing or giving to the Lord. Also we should not fear what others think about what we are doing or giving to the Lord.

What may seem like a waste of money or time to some, is a blessing to the Lord.

† **Matthew 26:10-13** *But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."*

So keep doing what you are doing for the Lord, even if people make fun of you or tell that you are crazy for wasting so much time at that church or helping those you are helping or living with less so others can have.

† **Galatians 6:4-5 (NLT)** *Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*