



JESUS WAS ANOINTED

Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-8

Dear Parents,

Three decades had passed since Jesus arrived on earth as a helpless baby. He grew up and began His ministry. People wondered, Could this be the Messiah? From the time sin entered the world through Adam, God was working out His rescue plan. Finally, at just the right time, God sent His Son into the world.

John the Baptist announced Jesus' purpose: "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Jesus called disciples to follow Him, and He spent three years teaching people about God and proclaiming the good news.

People began talking about the possible Messiah. If He really was the "Anointed One"—the promised Deliverer—when would He rise up against the Roman government? As Jesus' ministry came to a close, He made His way toward Jerusalem. But Jesus wasn't about to overthrow a government; He was about to die.

Jesus was eating supper at Simon's house in Bethany when Mary (the sister of Lazarus) poured oil over Jesus. Her act angered the disciples, who thought the oil should have been sold and the money used to help people who were poor. But Jesus affirmed Mary for her actions.

Pouring the expensive oil on Jesus was not a waste, it was worship. By allowing Mary to anoint Him, Jesus showed that He is more valuable than anything. Jesus knew He would soon die for sinners, be buried, and rise from the dead on the third day.

Help your kids see the bigger picture here. What happened in the days leading to Jesus' death was part of God's plan. Jesus said that Mary had prepared Him for burial. (Matt. 26:12) Days later, Jesus died on the cross to rescue people from sin. On the third day, He rose from the dead. Jesus is alive!

Jesus is our Lord and Savior. God calls us to treasure Him more than anything or anyone else. We can show our love for Him through the ways we worship. He is worthy of all our praise.

FAMILY STARTING POINTS

- Babies and Toddlers
 - Jesus did God's plan.
 - A woman poured oil on Jesus.
 - Jesus knew He would die on the cross.
 - God sent Jesus because He loves us.
- Preschool
 - Why do believers share the Lord's Supper? Believers share the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' life and death.
 - Mary anointed Jesus.
- Kids
 - Why do believers share the Lord's Supper? Believers share the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' life and death and to proclaim Him until He returns.
 - Jesus said Mary anointed Him for burial.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

- Luke 4:18

NEXT WEEK

- "Jesus Cleansed the Temple" (Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19)



Our Vision for Children

At Harlan Baptist Church we take seriously the Lord's command to "bring [our children] up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

We envision a church culture or atmosphere that reflects that of Moses' instruction to God's people as they prepared to enter into the Promised Land as found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

In fact, Psalm 78 sets forth the very desire of our heart, that our children would hope in the Lord and not forget the God who gives them life.

Therefore, it is our desire to partner with parents in seeing our children come to faith in Christ and prepare them for life-long obedience to His Word.

At Harlan Baptist, we use a number of different methods and teaching styles to achieve these desired goals.

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