

**Matthew 26:1-16**  
***Broken and Spilled Out***  
June 7, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

**Intro -**

**Matthew 26:6-13** - 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? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.” But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she's done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, but Me you don't 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.”

**1. She did right when everyone around her was doing wrong.**

**v. 3** - Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

**v. 14** - Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

**William Penn**: "Right is right even if everyone is against it. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is for it."

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**2. She acted out of a heart of appreciation.**

**v. 6** - Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper...

**John 12:1-3** - Before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

**Bible:** "Every good and perfect gift comes down from above--from the Father."  
**James 1:17**

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**3. She gave generously.**

**v. 7** - 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.

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**Marks gospel** - She broke the flask and poured it on Jesus' head.

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**Proverbs 11:24-25** - One man gives freely, yet gains even more;  
Another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.  
A generous man will prosper;  
And he who waters will also be watered.

**Galatians 6** - Whatever you plant, you'll harvest.

**2 Corinthians 9:6** - He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully.

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**4. She endured criticism.**

**v. 8** - When His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this *waste*? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.”

**1 Cor. 4:5** - Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. *He will* bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise *from God*.

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**John 12:4-6** - Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who would betray Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He didn't say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. As keeper of the money bag, he used to take what was put into it.

**Jesus:** "Whoever gives his life for My sake will find it."

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**5. She did what was timely.**

**v. 10** - But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she's done a good work for Me. 11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you don't have always.

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**6. She showed great insight.**

**v. 12** - For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

**Mark 16:1** - When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

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