



Antonio Campi, *Anointing the Feet of Jesus*, 1577, Church of San Sigismondo, fresco, Cremona, Italy

Please note: As you read today's scripture about the anointing of Jesus, this story is told in all four gospels, which highlights its importance. The scripture are: Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, John 12:1-8, and the passage from Matthew below. In Luke and John, the woman anoints Jesus' feet. In Mark and Matthew, she anoints his head. Most of the famous paintings show the woman anointing Christ's feet. Imagine you are the artist, which scene would you choose to depict?

Day Three: Tuesday of Holy Week – April 7, 2020 – Matthew 26:6-13 – Jesus Anointed at Bethany

⁶Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

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