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A Little History About Easter Week

Sunday	Messianic Presentation	Jesus rides into Jerusalem (Zech. 9:9)
Monday	Messianic Power	Cursing of the fig tree and the second cleansing of the Temple
Tuesday	Messianic Polemic	Jesus spoke against the crowds and religious leaders; spoke of <i>end times</i>
Wed-Fri	Messianic Preparation	Public ministry is over: He is now preparing his disciples for his death
Friday	Messianic Pardon	Christ would die for our sins
Sunday	Messianic Proof	Christ would rise from the dead

But before all these events began, an event occurs that sets the stage for what was to follow...

A Little History About Mary of Bethany

- She was from the small village of Bethany—just outside Jerusalem.
- She was the sister to Martha and Lazarus.
- She appears in three biblical stories: Two involving meals (she sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Jesus teach; poured an expensive perfume on His feet); and the most famous—the raising of Lazarus from the dead.
- Mary turned her life's attention to the Lord, His Person and His work.
- Mary was motivated by devotion and sacrificed for the Savior.
- Mary was quietly pointing people to the Savior.
- *Mary of Bethany got it!*

Amazing Things Happen At His Feet

Matthew 26:6-13

1. What happened was precious to _____.

John 12:1-3, NIV84 -¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ 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.

2. What happened was perplexing to _____.

Matthew 26:8-9, NLT -⁸ The disciples were indignant when they saw this. "What a waste!" they said. ⁹ "It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor."

3. What happened was pleasing to _____.

Matthew 26:10-13, TLB -¹⁰ Jesus knew what they were thinking and said, "Why are you criticizing her? For she has done a good thing to me. ¹¹ You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me. ¹² She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. ¹³ And she will always be remembered for this deed. The story of what she has done will be told throughout the whole world, wherever the Good News is preached."

2 Corinthians 5:9, NASB95 -⁹ Therefore, we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

Life Application Section

- Following Christ is not as popular as it once was—for some, it's a waste.**
- How you live your life will one day be a testimony to your relationship with Jesus.**
- Be invited to join Mary at the feet of Jesus and pour out your heart, your love, your worship, your life, your soul, your mind and your all.**
- Jesus wrote Mary's biography that day. When He writes yours, what will it say?**

Amazing things happen at the feet of Jesus!

ANSWER TO THE SERMON:

Amazing Things Happen
At His Feet
Matthew 26:6-13

1. Mary
2. Others
3. Christ