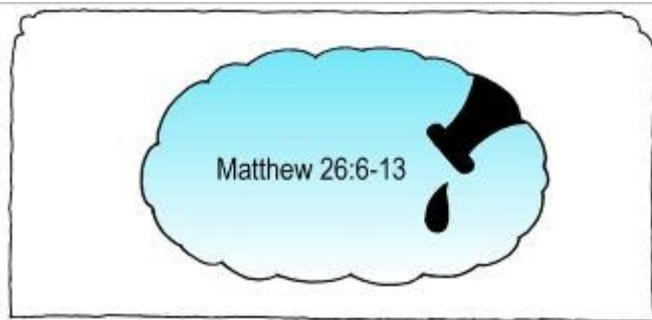


PRECIOUS ointment

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This story, from the Bible, reminds us that whatever we do for God He knows when we do it because we love him.



Jesus and his friends went to stay at Simon's the Leper's house, in the town of Bethany.



While they were there, a woman carrying a white alabaster jar, came to see Jesus.



She tipped some very expensive ointment, from the jar, on to Jesus' head.



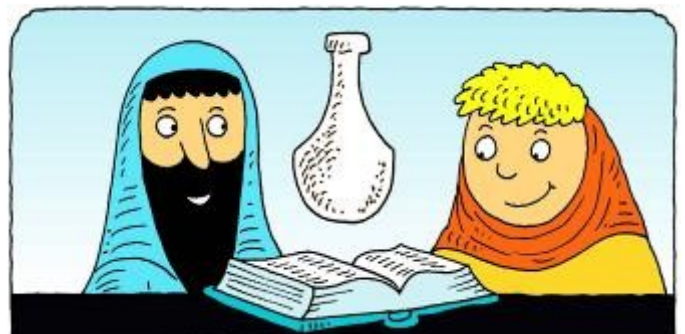
His friends were annoyed. "What a waste of money!" they said. "It could have been sold and the money given to help poor people.



Jesus did not think it was a waste. "Leave her alone," he said. "She did a good thing. I really appreciate her gift.



This woman knows that soon I will be dead and buried," said Jesus. "She gave it from a loving heart.



The story of the woman and her gift will never be forgotten." And now you know about it, over 2,000 years later.