

<sup>45</sup> Then many from the Judeans who had come for Mary and seen the things he did, trusted in him. <sup>46</sup> Some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. <sup>47</sup> Then they assembled Council of the high priests and the Pharisees and said,

“What are we doing? This man is doing many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we allow him to do this, then all will trust in him and the Romans will come and take away our place and nation.”

<sup>49</sup> One of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them,

“You know nothing! <sup>50</sup> You do not consider that it is better for you to have one man die on behalf of the people rather than the whole nation be destroyed.”

<sup>51</sup> He did not say this from himself but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was going to die on behalf of the nation. <sup>52</sup> Not on behalf of the nation alone but so that the scattered children of the Creator might be gathered into one. <sup>53</sup> Then from that day they planned to kill Jesus.

<sup>54</sup> Then Jesus no longer openly walked around among the Judeans but went away from there into the region near the wilderness into a city called Ephraim and remained there with the disciples. <sup>55</sup> It was near the Passover of the Judeans and many went up to Jerusalem from the surrounding areas before the Passover so they might purify themselves. <sup>56</sup> They were seeking Jesus and saying to each other as they stood in the temple complex,

“What do you think? Will he not come for the feast?”

<sup>57</sup> The high priests and Pharisees had given commands so that if anyone knew where Jesus was they must report it so they might arrest him.

<sup>12.1</sup> Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, came into Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from among the dead. <sup>2</sup> Then they made for him a dinner there and Martha was serving. Lazarus was one from among those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary, after taking a pound of pure, expensive nard perfume, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the smell of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, the one about to betray him, says,

<sup>5</sup> “Why was this perfume not sold for three-hundred days wages and given to the poor?!”

<sup>6</sup> He said this not because he was concerned for the poor, but because he was a thief and, while having the purse, he was taking the things which were thrown into it. <sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said,

“Let go of her! She has treasured it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> For y'all always have the poor with yourselves. But y'all do not always have me.”

<sup>9</sup> Then knowing that Jesus is there, a great crowd from the Judeans came not only because of Jesus, but also so that they might see Lazarus who was raised from among the dead. <sup>10</sup> And the ruler-priests were planning to also kill Lazarus <sup>11</sup> for many were leaving the Judeans and were trusting in Jesus because of him.