

Mary & Mary Study

1. Jesus' feet were anointed with oil and wiped with a woman's hair on two different occasions.
2. These are not one and the same event as some teach
3. The first anointing took place in Luke 7:36-50 and the second is in John 12:1-8

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 7:36-50 New American Standard Bible 1995 ³⁶ Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, ³⁸ and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher." ⁴¹ "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly." ⁴⁴ Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My	John 12:1-8 New American Standard Bible 1995 12 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. ³ Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, *said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?" ⁶ Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. ⁷ Therefore Jesus said, "Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. ⁸ For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me." THE REBUKE: IT WAS CUSTOM TO ANOINT A VISITOR AS A SIGN OF HOSPITALITY AND RESPECT. Oil was used to honor guests
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feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. ⁴⁷ For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Those who were reclining <i>at the table</i> with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this <i>man</i> who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”	
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*Luke is the only gospel to record this event, some bibles place a foot note to Matthew 26, Mark 14 and John 12, this is incorrect.

*The events of Matthew 26, Mark 14 and John 12 take place the last week of the life of Christ

*The anointing that took place in John 12 took place about a year after the first anointing.

* The anointing of John 12 is also in Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9.

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 26:6-13 ⁶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He reclined <i>at the table</i>. ⁸ But the disciples were indignant when they saw <i>this</i>, and said, “Why this waste? ⁹ For this <i>perfume</i> might have been sold for a high price and <i>the money</i> given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me. ¹² For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. ¹³ Truly I say to you, wherever this	Mark 14:3-9 New American Standard Bible 1995 ³ While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining <i>at the table</i>, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; <i>and</i> she broke the vial and poured it over His head. ⁴ But some were indignantly remarking to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵ For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and <i>the money</i> given to the poor.” And they were scolding her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever
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gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”	you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. ⁹ Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”
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- LETS COMPARE
- The first anointing took place in the home of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:36,40)
- This anointing was somewhere in Galilee
- The second anointing took place in Simon the Leper’s home in Bethany (Matt. 26:6, Mark 14:3)
- CONCLUSION::::: TWO DIFFERENT SIMONS, TWO DIFFERENT HOMES, AND TWO DIFFERENT CITIES.
- Note that the first woman also washed His feet with her tears, and kissed His feet (Luke 7:38)
- It may be that the first woman recognized her sinful condition before the sinless Jesus and was seeking forgiveness, since Jesus did indeed forgive her “many sins.” (great picture of salvation, this woman went to Jesus (where He was) and knew that He could save her.)
- Jesus specified that the second woman (Mary of Bethany) was preparing His body for burial.

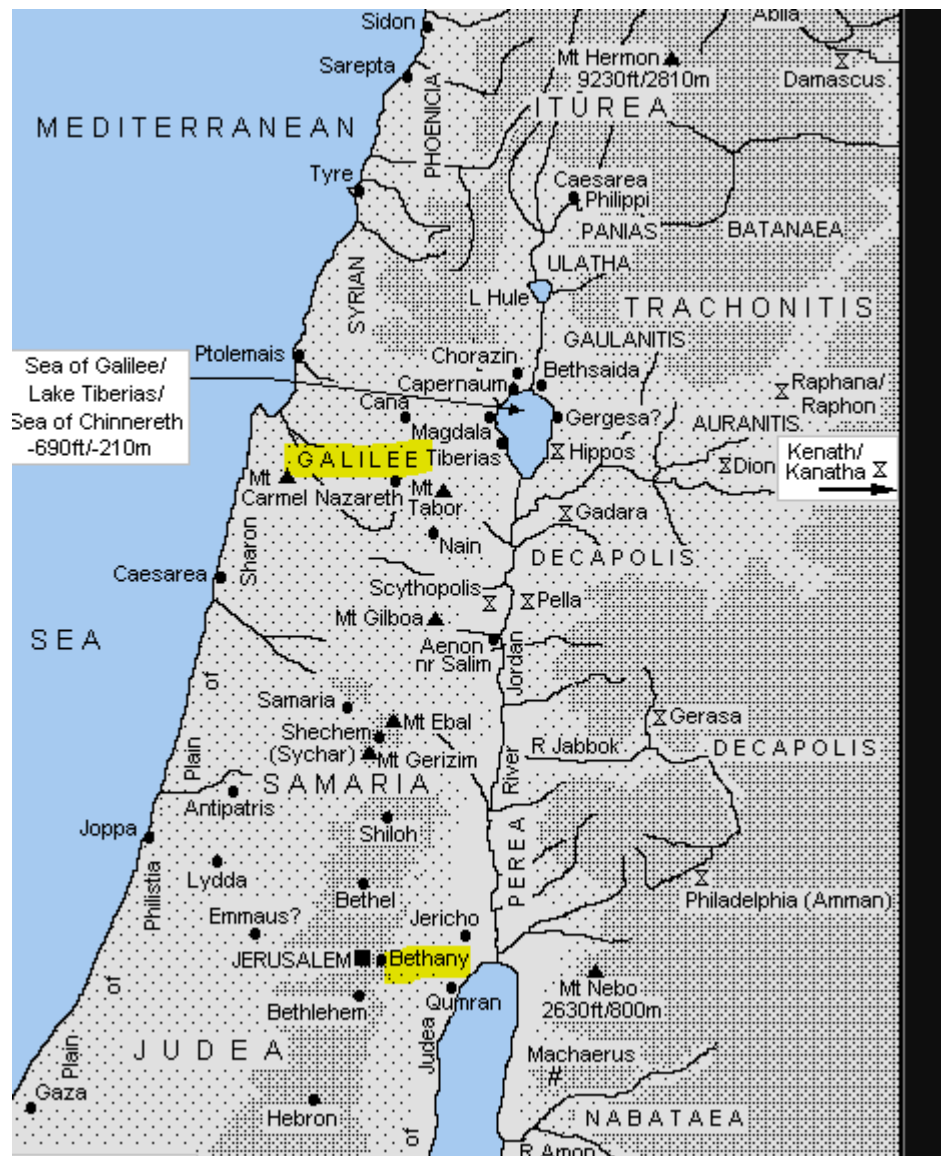
CONCLUSION #2 (I’m a pastor, I’m allowed to have multiple conclusions.)
THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT WOMEN, TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS AND TWO DIFFERENT PURPOSES.

***** MANY TRY TO TEACH THAT THIS FIRST WOMAN WAS MARY MAGDALENE, BUT THERE IS NO BIBLICAL EVIDENCE OF THIS TO WARRANT

THIS CLAIM, AND ANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO TEACHES SOMETHING THAT THE BIBLE ABSOLUTELY DOES NOT.

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1. She is first mentioned in the Bible in Luke, and then again in Mark
2. In Luke 8:2, she is mentioned as one of the women who Jesus cured of evil spirits
SCRIPTURE: ² and *also* some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,
3. In Luke 24:10 she is mentioned along with others who were present when Jesus predicted His death and resurrection.
SCRIPTURE: ¹⁰ Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.
4. In Mark 15:40, 47 she is mentioned in the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.
SCRIPTURE: ⁴⁰ There were also *some* women looking on from a distance, among whom *were* Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome.
- ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of Joses were looking on *to see* where He was laid.
5. In Mark 16:1, she is said to have been one who brought spices for the body of Jesus.
16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him



THE WOMEN:

- The first woman is described as a woman in the city who was a sinner (Luke 7:37) this woman is not named...
- The second woman is identified as Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha (John 12:3, 11:2) Key verse of identification John 11:1-2 ...

SCRIPTURE John 11:1-2 **11** Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

THIS SCRIPTURE TELLS US WHAT MARTHA OF BETHANY DID AND IT IS AFFIRMED
IN JOHN 12

- Both women brought fragrant oil (one was said to be costly)
- Both anointed the feet of Jesus
- Both wiped His feet
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