

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CLent5x2016

Text: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, **anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.** The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (**the one who was about to betray him**), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not **sold for three hundred denarii** and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 **You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.**"

Math (I), Body (I/SFX), Natural (SFX), People (I/SFX), Self (I)

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical		<p>How much is the perfume worth? 300 denarii = 300 days wages. SSA reports 2014 national average wage index is 46,481.52. There are about 250 working days a year, so $46481/250 = 185.92$. Multiply by 300 = 55,777.20. The pound referred to is in Greek a litra, or about 12 oz. So the pure nard ointment cost 4648.1 per oz., which by a quirk of math is 1/10 the national average wage. The number of work days per year may vary would almost certainly be higher in the ancient</p>	

		world.	
Body - Kinesthetic	<p>anointed feet wiped with hair house filled with fragrance</p>	<p>Vladimir Nabokov wrote, "Smells are surer than sights or sounds to make your heartstrings crack." 1</p> <p>Matt Skinner: "Olfaction, emotion, and memory share closely networked real estate in the brain's limbic system. Our sense of smell relates closely to how we experience life and process significant memories."</p> <p>Mary assumes the role of a priest - only priests anoint. How dare she self-ordain? (Who ordains but the Spirit?)</p> <p>Using her hair as a towel (surely they had some?) revealing a level of devotion and humility and service that just isn't seen -even then</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Is there also another reason? She is taking the scent on her own person this way, rather than disposing of it in a towel) • Ought we to associate this story with the foot washing Jesus does at the last supper? 	<p>burn some incense or spray some good perfume around</p> <p>What does Jesus smell like? What does the kingdom he brings in smell like?</p> <p>"Of course, 300 denarii have their own aroma, for good or for ill. However, the real fragrance beginning to waft through the room is from the impending crucifixion of Jesus, of which his disciples have caught only a faint sniff." ~Peter L. Haynes</p>
Musical			
Natural			Get you some nard!
People - Interpersonal	<p>you always have the poor with you, you do not always have me</p> <p>the one who was about to betray him</p>	<p>Deut. 15:11 - alms giving</p> <p>"Surely Jesus, who always taught the disciples about caring for</p>	<p>Have this story performed as a reader's theatre.</p>

		<p>the poor and down-trodden, will see it Judas's way. But Jesus wants us to see Mary's confidence in the boundless capacity of God's love. He knows that piecemeal acts of charity will not dissipate the aroma of poverty - spiritual, emotional, physical and economic - that clings to us.”</p> <p>~ Beth Sanders</p>	
Self - Intrapersonal		<p>Consider what costly gifts you have received from Jesus. What costly gifts are you willing to offer him? Give thanks for both.</p>	