

Easter's Gift

John 12:1-8

Introduction

The "Passion week" points to those that are closest to Jesus.

His mother, John, Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany.

- I. Mary of Bethany's story.
 - a. Luke 10:38-42 -- Mary at the feet of Jesus, Martha in the kitchen.
 - b. John 11
 - c. John 12:1-8.
- II. What do we learn from her gift?
 - a. Mary gets it!
 - i. How many conversations have taken place in that house?
 - ii. She believes in his Messiahship.
 - b. She gives her best!
 - i. Pint of pure nard wasn't cheap.
 - ii. Is Jesus being insensitive to the poor?
 - iii. Or is he honoring the gift of love from a friend?
 - c. Her gift stays with Jesus.
 - i. How long would that scent have lasted?
 - ii. In the midst of the next few days. . .
- III. His gift stays with us!
 - a. The Easter story matters. . . .
 - b. It is, indeed, the greatest story ever told.

Conclusion

The gift Jesus offers is a gift given to all.

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
CHURCH of CHRIST

700 W. Country Club Road
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Sunday Worship (10:00 a.m.)

Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)

Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

Life Groups (Various Locations)

Ministers:

Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Elders:

Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo

Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack

Lee Rogers - Kent Taylor

David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Kent Taylor

OUR MISSION

*To seek and save the lost through
evangelism, benevolence, and edification.*

-Luke 19:10

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The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Call to Worship:

Welcome: Michael Nelson

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Thought: Brandon Cometti

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Easter's Gift"

Invitation Song:

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer: Quinton Franzoy

Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)

How Did We Get the Bible? – Michael Nelson (Rm. 25)

Sermon on the Mount – Doug Austin (Rm. 27)

"Now That I'm a Christian" – Oscar H, Quinton F, Jesse M (Small F.)

Revelation (Spanish Class) – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22)

Jr. High/High School – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

JL 1st – 3rd grade – various classrooms, look for red flag

JL 4th – 6th grade – various classrooms, look for blue flag

4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy (Rm. 12)

2's & 3's – Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

Nursery up through age 2 – Various teachers (Rm. 1)



Visitors, please scan this QR code
and tell us about yourself!

Prayer Requests

- **Marcine McDaniel** is seeing her doctors this week regarding another knee replacement.
- **Skieler Moody**, granddaughter to Tom & Delpha, has been diagnosed with cervical cancer and will be seeing her doctor on April 7th to discuss details moving forward.
- **James Bowers**, Rachel McCarty's grandfather, is gradually improving but remains hospitalized in Oklahoma.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Elaine Britt, April Puckett, Pablo & Cecilia Contreras, April Puckett, Ricardo Vasquez, Rosemary O'Neil

From the Mailbag...

Dear Church Family,
My parents and I would like to thank God for all his blessings that we receive all the time. We would also like to thank all our brothers and sisters for their help, the cards that we received and especially for all the prayers regarding my dad's health. We appreciate your love and caring towards us that lifts our spirit during these difficult times. We love you and God bless you.

In Christ's name,
Ricardo, Mary and Mynor Vasquez

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers

Men on Duty: Alan Warboys, Rodney Rogers, Mac Rogers, Mark Pantuso

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....97/--
Sunday AM.....190
Weekly Contribution.....\$8,653

Life@CCR

- There will not be a service for **Glen Browning**. However, memorials can be sent to the Texas Boys & Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 5665, Lubbock, TX 79408. Glen's daughter Angela wished to express the many fond memories both she and her parents have of their time here at CCR.
 - Another successful Recharge meal was had this week thanks to the culinary expertise of **Deona Santos & Jennifer Burch**. Next week's meal will be mexican stack, courtesy of Fran & Nici.
 - Mark your calendars for a very special Recharge, taking place on April 20th. We will be honoring **Billie Elkins** for her more than 53 years of service to the church. Enchiladas will be catered. Please make plans now to attend.
 - Congratulations to **NMMI Cadet Jaikayo-Javon Brown**, who was named as one of 31 New Mexico students to receive the prestigious Daniels scholarship! Daniels Scholars demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities and receive up to \$100,000 over four years toward an undergraduate degree. Way to go, Jaikayo!
 - If you have not volunteered to help with **Vacation Bible School**, now is the time! Here are the areas where additional help is still needed:
 - 3 year old class: Teacher & Helpers
 - 5 year old class: Helpers
 - Kinder: Helpers
 - 1st Grade: Helpers
 - 2nd Grade: Helpers
 - 3rd Grade: Helpers
 - 4th Grade: Helpers
 - 5th/6th Grade: Helpers
 - Bible Characters: 2 additional characters
 - Puppets: 4 puppeteers
 - Crafts: Helpers
- Additional help is also needed with children's snacks, registration, ushers & lunches!
- Don't forget, VBS is scheduled for June 6th – 10th!**

Week @ a Glance Celebrations & Happenings

3rd	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Michelle Leyva & Ricardo Vasquez's b-day.
5th	Miles & Martin Rattan & Jennifer Hall's b-day.
6th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Recharge meal @ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m. David West's b-day.
9th	Kenda Durand's b-day.

Study Guide

Text: John 12:1-8

1. If you had to spend a year's wages on a friend, how would you spend it?
2. Consider Mary's life story. How does she see Jesus? How does she demonstrate that she is totally sold out to him?
3. Given the value of this perfume, how would you have reacted as you watched Mary? Why?
4. How does Jesus interpret Mary's actions? How is his comment in verse 8 especially applicable to Judas?
5. Over the course of the next few days, do you think Jesus would find comfort in this outpouring of love from Mary? Explain your answer.
6. Describe a time in your life when you fully realized the gift of Easter.