



THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

Today

Our Next Gospel Meeting

Next year

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

Times of Service

Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month

Singing

November 4, 7:30

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MARY DID WHAT SHE COULD DO

The title of this article comes from a statement of Jesus found in Mark 14:8a. We're told in verse 3 that a woman (Mary, John 12:3) came in with very expensive ointment and used it to anoint our Lord's head. Jesus said of Mary, *She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.*

There were things Mary could *not* do. She could not remove the cup of which Jesus was to drink. She could not avoid the ire of some of his disciples that day in Bethany. What she *could* do was use that ointment to anoint his head and she did it. I believe we can learn from her example.

There is something every saint can do for the Lord. I've noticed an occasional tendency among Christians who cannot take part in public roles to look upon themselves as a sort of second-class Christian. That's a shame. If you view yourself this way, please take a moment now to read 1 Corinthians 12. If you are inclined to claim Paul speaks only of miraculous spiritual gifts ask yourself why the principles would not apply to all spiritual gifts, miraculous or otherwise?

What can you do for your Lord and brethren? Do you believe that because you cannot be an elder, evangelist, adult Bible class teacher, song leader, or Lord's table speaker that you have little to offer? Please don't think that way. How lacking the Lord's church would be if it were *only* made up of those holding more public positions! (And how bereft *they* would if that's all those more public servants ever did) Peter and Paul were immensely important to the Lord's church, but so too wa

s Tabitha, an extraordinary servant to her brethren in Joppa (Acts 9:36-39). The mother of Rufus never served as an elder, yet her care for Paul was such that he claimed she became as a mother to him (Romans 16:13). You cannot preach? You can be a servant. You cannot serve as an elder? You can be an encourager. You cannot teach a Bible class? You can teach everyone who observes you through your godly example. You cannot lead singing? You can

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Collins family, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Dalton Denny, Charles Bishop, Brian Mason, Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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seek to lead souls to Christ.

There is so much we can do if we would put our minds to it! Several years ago, someone posted a quote from a man named Jim Jonas. It struck me and I wrote it down. He said, "I am convinced that most Christians have tremendous stores of talent and skill buried beneath a pile of distraction, insecurity, and fear. We find excuses that seem reasonable to us, that don't arouse an offended conscience, and we trot them out whenever obligation comes calling." Depending on our current mindset and practice, that can be a rather convicting quote! When the excuses springing from the insecurity and distraction mentioned by Mr. Jonas are set aside, I believe the saint will find they can do far more than they thought.

Mary did what she could. Nothing more was expected of her. Nothing more is expected of any of us. But *that* much is expected. Mary did it because she loved Jesus and wanted to serve him. It's that love that motivates us to discover, use, and increase our abilities for our Lord and brethren. When we grow to love Jesus as we should we'll find that the boundaries of what we can do keep expanding.

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