



March 8 – Oil & Water – Anointed

In Biblical times oil was a highly valued commodity and used in rituals/traditions especially around royalty. When someone was anointed with oil, they were set apart for something special. When Jesus came along, he baptized people with water to set them apart or anoint them. Could the same be true for us? What does it mean to be an “anointed one”? Join us this weekend as we look at the power of anointing and being an anointed one!

Scripture:

Psalm 23 NLT

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ²He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. ⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. ⁵You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. ⁶Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Matthew 26:6-13 NLT

Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. ⁷While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it over his head. ⁸The disciples were indignant when they saw this. “What a waste!” they said. ⁹“It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor.” ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, replied, “Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me? ¹¹You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me. ¹²She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. ¹³I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman’s deed will be remembered and discussed.”

Questions:

- Have you ever been anointed with oil? If so, when and why? How did it make you feel?
- Have you anointed Jesus with expensive oil, lavishly giving your very best out of love for him? If so, what did it look like? Feel like?
- What are you holding back from Jesus?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: John 12:1-8

Tuesday: John 14:12

Wednesday: 1 John 2:27

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Friday: Psalm 45:7