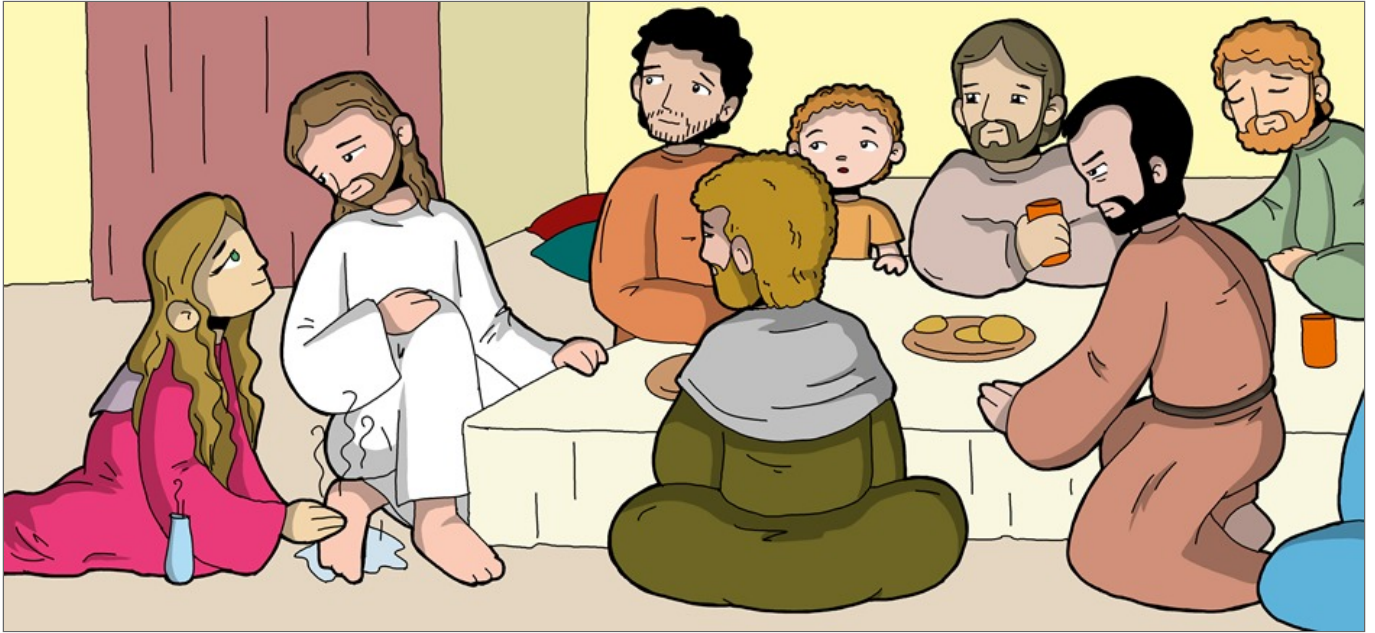


# Monday of Holy Week

**Gospel text (Jn 12,1-11):** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where he had raised Lazarus, the dead man, to life. Now they gave a dinner for him (...). Then Mary took a pound of costly perfume made from genuine nard and anointed the feet of Jesus...



**Illustration:** Pili Piñero

Today the Gospel begins the Easter countdown. Mary, Lazarus' sister, pours a very expensive perfume - hundreds of dollars - on Jesus. Some criticize her, but Jesus defends her by saying that she is anticipating His burial. Jesus knows what He is doing and where He is going!

— What perfume do I have ready to correspond to his Passion?