

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, and while Martha waited on them, Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus.

Then Mary took a pound of costly perfume made from genuine nard and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. And the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. Judas, son of Simon Iscariot —the disciple who was to betray Jesus— remarked, «This perfume could have been sold for three hundred silver coins and turned over to the poor» (...). But Jesus spoke up, «Leave her alone» (...).

Worshiping God

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Today, Jesus Christ is having dinner at the home of his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus, in Bethany, near Jerusalem. Jesus, the Son of God is, at the same time, truly a man: He needs to spend time with his friends, and expects men to love him. He had just restored Lazarus to life. Now we can see Mary —his sister— cleansing the Lord's feet. He accepts and supports this sign of affection.

God is Love. He only wants our good. We are only happy when we discover that Jesus loves us. Man is man when he worships God, that is, when he speaks and listens to him, when he recognizes that He is great and accepts Him as his Creator. Irrational animals could never do so.

—O God! I kneel down before you, because you are my Lord. Without you I am nothing. I do not wish to live without you. Saint Mary, do not let me go away from your Divine Son.