

## WALKING WITH JESUS: A LIVING WITNESS

**Scripture:** John 12:1-11

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Lent is definitely a time to consider our walk with Jesus. Are we a living witness to His power? To His salvation? To His love? To His worthiness? In the Gospel lesson for today, Mary certainly was a living witness, contrary to what Judas demonstrated in this scripture.

Jesus has returned to Bethany, despite knowing the Jewish leaders were out to get him. He has come to be with his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Dinner has been prepared, and then Mary takes a jar of very expensive perfume and anoints Jesus' feet, wiping them with her hair. Mary knew that Jesus was about to endure suffering and death, so she honored Him. She witnessed to His love for all of us. She witnessed to His worthiness. She recognized her need for Him just as we do when we accept Him into our life. She is a witness to the salvation He gives us when we but just ask.

Out of gratitude, she anoints the feet of Jesus; she is a witness to that gratitude. The hallmark of a Christian is gratitude, and Mary demonstrates that. Mary was convicted by the life of Jesus and what it means to her, and she witnessed to that. Mary is truly a living witness to the power, salvation, love, and worthiness of Jesus. Are you? Are you living as a witness to Jesus?

I remember on two different occasions having the privilege to kneel at the place marked in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem where Jesus hung on the cross. In adoration and praise, I knelt at the "foot of the cross." It was a humbling experience and impressed upon me how I need to be a living witness to all that Jesus did for me.

**Prayer:** "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."  
From [When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#).

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