

# Matthew 26:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

## Analysis

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**Verily I say unto you**—The solemn formula amen lego humin (ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν) introduces authoritative pronouncement. **Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world**—Jesus prophesies global evangelization (en holo to kosmo, ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ, 'in the whole world'). Before His death, He envisions worldwide proclamation of the euangelion (εὐαγγέλιον), the 'good news' of His redemptive work.

**There shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her**—Mary's devotion receives Christ's ultimate commendation: eternal remembrance wherever the gospel spreads. Her name becomes inseparable from gospel proclamation itself. While Judas's name means ' betrayer,' Mary's deed exemplifies abandoned worship.

## Historical Context

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When Jesus spoke this, Christianity didn't exist as a movement. His prediction of global gospel proclamation was audacious—yet fulfilled. For 2,000 years, Mary's anointing has been recounted in every language and culture, immortalizing her worship in Scripture itself.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's promise to memorialize Mary's worship demonstrate that God values our devotion more than our achievements?
2. What acts of devotion to Christ might seem 'wasteful' to the world but will receive eternal commendation from Jesus?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅπου ἐὰν κηρυχθῇ τὸ<sup>1</sup>  
**Verily** **I say** **unto you** **Wheresoever** **G1437** **shall be preached** **G3588**  
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εὐαγγέλιον τοῦτο ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ λαληθήσεται  
**gospel** **this** **in** **the whole** **G3588** **world** **be told**  
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καὶ ὁ ἐποίησεν αὐτῆς εἰς μνημόσυνον αὐτῆς  
**there shall also** **G3739** **hath done** **of her** **for** **a memorial** **of her**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 14:9** (Parallel theme): Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

**Psalms 112:6** (Parallel theme): Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

**Matthew 24:14** (Parallel theme): And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

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