



*Biblical Drama based on John 12:1-11*

*Character Parts: Narrators 1-4, Martha, Judas, Jesus, Lazarus, Mary*

Narrator 1: Six days before Passover, Jesus traveled to see his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They lived in a town called Bethany.

Narrator 2: Lazarus was the man that Jesus had brought back to life after he had been dead four days. The family was so grateful that when Jesus came back to town, they hosted a dinner in his honor.

Martha: Hello, Jesus! How marvelous to see you again! And you brought some of your disciples with you! Come in, come in.

*(Sniffing the air)* Oh, drat! I smell something burning in the kitchen. Mary! Are you stirring that porridge? Mary!

*(Speaking to Jesus again).* Please excuse me, Jesus, I'll be right back. *(She scurries off.)*

Judas: *(Shaking his head)* That Martha. Always busy. She's a bit high strung, don't you think?

Jesus: Energetic, yes. But she's a good person, and a dear friend. She just wants us to have a good meal.

Lazarus: *(Entering the room)* Good afternoon, everyone! Come, sit at the table with me and let's catch up a bit. *(Sitting down)* So, what have you folks been up to lately?

Jesus: Oh, my friends and I have been traveling in the wilderness. In fact...

Mary: Jesus! *(hurrying in)* Jesus! You're here! Welcome, welcome!

Judas: *(wrinkling his nose)* What is that smell?

Mary: Oh. Judas. Hello. I didn't see you.

Judas: A likely excuse.

Mary: Jesus, you must be tired from all your travels. Put your feet on this pillow here. I'm going to rub some warm lotion on them.

*(She begins to put lotion on Jesus feet and wipe it with her hair.)*

Judas: Mary, what are you doing? Have you lost your mind? That's pure nard! Do you know how expensive that is?

Mary: Yes, I know.

Judas: Do you know its worth almost a whole year's wages? And you're putting it on his feet! What a waste!

Mary: Why is that a waste?

Judas: You could have sold it and given the money to the poor! Here, give it to me — I'll take care of it.

Narrator 3: Judas wasn't really concerned about the poor. He wanted the money for himself.

Jesus: Leave Mary alone, Judas. She has done a good thing. Let her keep the rest of the ointment for the day of my burial.

Judas: But didn't you tell us we should take care of people who are poor?

Jesus: Yes, I did. And you will have the opportunity to take care of the poor every day. You will always have people to care for, but you won't always have me.

Narrator 4: What Jesus said was true. Soon, Jesus would be arrested and put to death. And who do you think was the one who turned Jesus in to the authorities for only 30 pieces of silver? It was Judas.