

Loyalty vs Disloyalty

Mark 14:1-11

A close examination of the New Testament in the NIV reveals that there are only two anointings given to believers. **The first instance of anointing for believers** 1 John 2:20,27 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and **all of you know the truth**. As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing **teaches you about all things**... Here the Lord's anointing teaches us about all things so that we all know the truth. The Lord confirms this in John Chapters 14-16... That is the purpose of the anointing we received from the Lord—in order to be taught and to know the truth.

The second instance of anointing for believers 2 Corinthians 1:21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Here believers in Christ are anointed by God as a seal of His ownership on us to guarantee our heavenly inheritance. Again, this use of “anointed” does not refer to believers who prophesy, cast out demons, perform miracles such as healing the sick, or minister to others in some supernatural way. Rather, according to both 1 John 2 and 1 Corinthians 1, God's anointing actually ministers to us. It teaches us all things and sets us apart as God's holy possession... Therefore the New Testament does **NOT** teach that certain believers have a “special anointing” to minister to others in the body of Christ. Rather **ALL** believers are anointed as God's children who know the truth... What Scripture does clearly teach is that believers have been given **supernatural authority, power, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit** to minister to others. These are separate and distinct from “anointing” and are not to be confused with it. (theelijahchallenge.org)

- I. Our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ is seen in how well we value our relationship with Him. Mary provided us with a great example of what that means when she **anointed** him with perfume. She gave him her very best because she knew he was about to give us his very best for our salvation. His act of sacrificial love for our souls moved her to sacrificially love him back without hesitation. It was a simple, sincere, humble, genuine expression of loving Jesus with all her heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Mark 14:1-3

Exodus 12:5-7,12-13

John 1:29

1 Peter 1:18-19

Luke 7:36-50

John 12:1-3

- II. Mary's deep devotion to Jesus was not only very personal but also very evident to those around her. She knew that anointing him with costly perfume would be looked down upon, but she didn't care. Jesus meant more to her than the fear of man and his critical spirit. She gives us a powerful illustration of what it means to not be ashamed of the gospel knowing that it is the power of God unto salvation. Jesus responded by defending her like he does for all of us who know him.

Mark 14:4-9

John 12:4-6

Luke 10:42

Luke 7:44-47

While this old earth continues to be "won" for Christ, Jesus is the Advocate for Christians, meaning He is our great Defender. This is the intercessory role He currently fulfills for those who are His (1 John 2:1). Jesus is always pleading our case before the Father, like a defense lawyer on our behalf. gotquestions.org

Hebrews 7:23-25 *23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

- III. Judas provides us with a strong illustration of a heart that is deceitfully wicked and beyond understanding. He shows us how the god of this age blinded him to his need for salvation by enticing him to love his idol money more than Jesus. We are in a great battle for the souls of mankind knowing that many blinded to their need for salvation. To think that **we have been anointed** to know the truth should, like Mary, move us to praise, love and worship him even more as we wait for our redemption. Mary did not allow the godless around her to steal her joy and neither should we.

Mark 14:10-11

2 Cor. 4:4

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*

Mark 8:38 *If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels."*