

## Week Four: Entering the Passion of Jesus

This week take time to read the story of the anointing of Jesus from all four Gospels. You can find them here:

*Matthew 26:6-13*

*Mark 14:3-9*

*Luke 7:36-50*

*John 12:1-7*



Now, take some time to look at this artwork and place yourself “in the picture” by choosing any character in the painting. Then contemplate the following questions:

- *Who is the woman who anoints Jesus and what do we know about her?*
- *Why does she anoint Jesus?*
- *What more do you wonder about her?*
- *How do Jesus and those around him respond to her?*

After you’ve entered the story of the picture then consider the story in scripture and contemplate the following questions:

- *Who first responded to the woman’s action, and what did they say?*
- *How did Jesus respond to them?*
- *What do you imagine Jesus said to her?*
- *What do you imagine happened to her?*
- *How do we respond to some good act done for us?*

### Prayer of the Week

God of Extravagant Giving,  
You bless us with the impulse  
to respond to suffering with care.  
Like the woman who anointed Jesus,  
You give costly gifts  
so that we can know blessings.  
Help us not to offer you gifts  
that cost us nothing.  
Help us to risk being generous,  
And help us to see your image  
in the face of everyone we meet. Amen.



**My Thoughts and Prayers:**

## Daily Readings for This Week

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God's Word. Together let's go deeper into God's Word this week.

Monday ... 1 Samuel 10:1  
Tuesday ... 1 Samuel 16:13  
Wednesday ... 1 Kings 1:39  
Thursday ... 2 Kings 9:6  
Friday ... Mark 14:8  
Saturday ... James 5:14

**Scripture for Next Sunday ...** John 13:3-16 & Luke 4:16-21

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Questions, Readings, and Prayer:

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