

There is a beautiful story here.

A story that Jesus said would be told and remembered throughout history.

Mary spent time at Jesus feet. **Lk. 10:39**

It's not enough to do things for Jesus. We need to do what he wants done.

Many times, we try to do things for Jesus that He doesn't want done.

Mary acted in the face of criticism.

Note who criticizes! John specifically mentions Judas's indignation.

Mary acted while she still could. **Mark. 14:8**

On that first Easter morning a small band of women went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. –

But He wasn't there.

It was too late. Do what you can – when you can.

Mary gave her best.

Jesus said that what she did would be preached as a memorial to her. **Mark 14:9**

I. DO WHAT YOU CAN TO BUILD YOUR FAITH! 1 John 5:4

1. Take time to read the Bible daily. **Romans 10:17**

2. Take time to pray **Mark 11:22-24**

3. Take time to be alone with God. **Mark 14:32-41**

4. Exercise your faith and it will grow.

II. DO WHAT YOU CAN TO BUILD UP OTHER BELIEVERS! Romans 14:19

1. Don't focus on the fault of other believers.

a. Never speak negatively of them.

b. Look for the best in them.

c. Christians aren't perfect...just forgiven!

2. Don't cause another to stumble. **Romans 14:21**

3. When others are overcome, restore them to God. **Galatians 6:1**

4. Bear one another's burdens. **Galatians 6:2**

5. Be an example to other believers. **1 Timothy 4:12**

III. DO WHAT YOU CAN TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST. Ephesians 4:11-16

1. Build up the body through teaching!

2. Build up the body through love!

3. Build up the body through evangelism.

Conclusion:

1. LET'S DO WHAT WE CAN FOR CHRIST.

2. We Can Make a Difference in the Church and in the World!

3. His "WELL DONE" Will make Every Effort Worth It All!

There are things we can do - we think we can't!

There are things we can do - we don't!

Don't focus on what you can't do!!!!