



**A Subtle Miracle of Jesus**  
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**Matthew 26:1-13**

*“Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her” (Matthew 26:13).*

How many people can you think of who defended the honor of a woman and commended her actions and then died a few days later as a criminal after saying that what she had done would be proclaimed throughout the world, and after almost 2000 years what he said about her is still being repeated around the world? How many people can you think of who said a few days before they died on a cross that the good news of his death would be proclaimed throughout the whole world, and after almost 2000 years his death on a cross is still being proclaimed as good news around the world? How many people can you think of who proclaimed that their death would enable the sins of the world to be forgiven? And today we are still proclaiming the good news John wrote about Him in 1 John 2:2: “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” The name of only one person comes to mind: Jesus. Only Jesus fulfilled all these stupendous prophecies. It is doubtful that any mere human could have successfully forecast any one of these three achievements. Only Jesus could fulfill all His words, and He did so because He rose from the dead and He was and is all He said about himself. Sceptics may doubt Jesus walked on water or stilled a storm, but those miracles seem easy compared to Jesus’ words about the woman who honored Him still being talked about everywhere today.

## Thinking Further

1. When did Jesus say He would be crucified?
2. Do you think the disciples believed or understood Jesus when He talked about His death and burial? Give a reason for your answer.
3. What type of people were involved in plotting Jesus’ death?
4. When Jesus was at dinner in Bethany, what seemed to shock the disciples and what did they say?
5. What prophecy did Jesus make during the dinner? Do you think it was fulfilled? How?