

## Memorial

*“Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.” –Matthew 26:13*

A memorial is a celebration of a memory. In this verse, Jesus says that wherever the gospel is preached, we will remember the woman who anointed Him with the costly fragrant oil from the alabaster flask. What is she remembered for? Not her beauty, not her wealth, not her fame, not her wisdom, she is remembered for her sacrifice. She loved her Savior so much that she wanted to give Him something that cost her greatly.

Another celebration of a memory is the institution of the Lord's Supper. First Corinthians 11: 26 says, *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till He comes.”* This memorial is also connected with sacrifice. This is the greatest sacrifice known to man, that Jesus would shed His blood for the remission of man's sin.

This Memorial Day we are celebrating the memory of those who have sacrificed to serve this country. Let us also set time aside to celebrate the memory of great heroes and heroines of the faith who sacrificed out of love for Jesus. Most of all let us rejoice as we remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made when He paid our debt with His own precious blood on Calvary. May we follow the example of the woman with the costly fragrant oil and give something precious in memorial to our Savior.